

Black Rhodesians join African leaders at Lusaka talks

Leaders of Rhodesia's principal nationalist movement were believed to be holding talks in Zambia today, aimed at ending the... constitutional crisis and ending talks with Britain.

President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana. Informed sources in Salisbury said it was hoped they would lay the groundwork for a round-table conference on Rhodesia's future.

Hopes for end to UDI deadlock

Leaders of three African nationalist movements were believed to be engaged in an important new round of talks today aimed at ending the deadlock in Rhodesia's constitutional crisis.

No real white backlash has developed against Mr Smith, but Mr Len Idson, leader of the ultra-right wing Rhodesia National Party, today accused the Prime Minister of "incredible arrogance" in permitting the Lusaka talks.



Colin Cowdrey, happy yesterday to answer the call for another batsman in Australia. John Woodcock, page 14.

Army's computer has data on half of population in Ulster

The Army has secretly begun an intensive intelligence operation in Northern Ireland, using a computer to record personal information about nearly half the population of the province.

French are pleased with Wilson dinner

Mr André Rossi, the government spokesman, told reporters after a Cabinet meeting today that President Giscard d'Estaing's working dinner last night with Mr Wilson and Mr Callaghan, the British Foreign Secretary, had taken place in an "excellent climate".

Social contract is failing, institute say

Inflation is running away, the social contract is falling and output is stagnant, according to the gloomiest quarterly Economic Review in years from the respected National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

South Africa 'must leave' Namibia

But apart from this announcement and a hint that the Foreign Secretary might include Pretoria among the capitals to be visited during his coming African tour—but only if it seemed suitable after his talks with black African leaders—the much-heralded review seems to have given birth to rather a small mouse.

whereas the substance indicated little change. Even over Namibia Mr Callaghan said the Government did not accept that the Security Council resolutions relating to the territory were mandatory.

'190 in jet crash' Ceylon police say

Colombo, Dec 4.—A DC 8 jet with about 190 passengers on board crashed into a hillside near Maskeliya in central Ceylon tonight, and burst into flames, according to a police report.—Reuter.

Football results

Leeds 2, Tottenham 1. Newcastle 0, Chester 0. Middlesbrough 0, Man U 0.

British ban upheld in Luxembourg

Home Office was entitled, under the law of the European Community, to refuse entry to a Dutch girl who wanted to join the Church of Scientology, the European Court in Luxembourg held yesterday.

Trade unions are planning halt overtime

Workers plan to ban overtime and stop up with their European counterparts in protest at the company's announcement of a plan to make 1,750 white-collar employees redundantly.

Paris: Mr Breznev, the Soviet party leader, arrived yesterday on a three-day visit intended to boost détente.

NEDO study: Proposals for a national investment plan for state industries designed to rebuild confidence among private industry suppliers to the nationalized sector, are to be studied by the National Economic Development Office.

Newspapers given a week to end print pay dispute

The National Graphical Association, the union involved, has given a warning that it will continue to make plans for disruptive action in London and Manchester newspaper printing houses.

Second unnamed man faces Guildford murder charge

The unnamed man who appeared in court earlier this week will appear before Guildford magistrates today jointly charged with the murder of Miss Caroline Storer, who was one of five people killed in the Horse and Groom public house on October 5.

Day 3 Martinique: laze on a private beach. Advertisement for Martinique holiday.

Air France welcome tours. Advertisement for Air France tours.

Ending film censorship

GLC will be asked on January 28 to relinquish its powers of censorship of films for its while retaining control over showings to children and young people.

Overseas selling prices

Reviews of the letters of H. G. Wells and Rebecca West; essays in honour of J. H. Plumb; Eric Ambler's new novel; and a study of insomniacs.

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HOME NEWS

Eire publishes Bill to make crimes in Ulster punishable by courts in republic

From Robert Fisk Belfast. The Government of the Republic of Ireland yesterday published its anti-terrorist Bill covering 13 classes of crimes in both parts of Ireland. It covers murder, hijacking of aircraft ships, and cars, and the specific crime of conspiring to cause explosions in Britain. The Bill, known as the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Bill, 1974, was circulated to members of the Dail yesterday. It embraces kidnapping, arson, sabotage, explosives and firearms offences, robbery, burglary and causing grievous bodily harm. It proposes that any person who commits any of those crimes in Northern Ireland may be tried in the republic as if he had committed the offence there. The convicted person would be liable to the penalty which is applicable to a similar offence committed in the republic. The extension of the Bill to cover Britain is contained in a proposal to amend the Explosive Substances Act, 1883, so that anyone who conspires in the republic to cause an explosion in the South, in Northern Ireland, Britain or elsewhere, may be tried for this offence in the republic. The maximum penalty on conviction on indictment is 20 years. Any person who escapes from custody in Northern Ireland may be tried for that offence if caught in the republic, under the terms of the Bill, although the Bill gives the accused person the right to be tried in Northern Ireland instead of in the South. Evidence may be taken in

Northern Ireland for a case being tried in a Southern court and the Bill provides for a request to be made to the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland for the taking of evidence from a witness before a judge of the High Court. That evidence could then be used in the republic's courts. The Bill is to be debated in the Dail next Wednesday. It is expected that some of its provisions will be opposed by the opposition Fianna Fail Party as some of its members believe that they are unconstitutional. A girl wounded in Northern Ireland yesterday a girl aged nine was wounded in the legs by automatic gunfire, apparently directed at an Army patrol. She was standing in a school playground in Newry, Co Down, when the shots were fired. Six main border roads remained closed in south Armagh yesterday with trucks and cars hijacked by the Provisional IRA and left there six days ago, blocking the frontier. Representatives of Northern Ireland haulage contractors sent a telegram to Mr Wilson yesterday complaining about the authorities' reluctance to remove the vehicles. They also telephoned Stormont Castle. The Army has not touched the lorries, which were left blocking the main Belfast to Dublin road near Killeen hut it said yesterday that there were great dangers in approaching the vehicles too early and it did not wish to risk the lives of bomb disposal officers. In Belfast, the Rev Martin Smyth, grand master of the Orange Order, made a sharp, almost unprecedented, attack on the Protestant assassination



Deported: Mr Gerald Doherty arriving in Dublin yesterday.

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Beechlyn Golden Nugget of Denbrough, a Richmond Dog Show champion, yesterday.

Mixed feelings over the Mason package

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent The three Services were licking their wounds and counting their scars yesterday after the £4,700m worth of defence cuts which were outlined by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence on Tuesday. Their mixed feelings reflected the compromise nature of the package. The Royal Navy is relieved that, together with the Royal Marines, it is to lose only 5,000 men over the next five years. There is a normal turnover of 50,000 in a five-year period anyway. And its disappointment at losing so many front-line ships is somewhat alleviated by the revived hope of acquiring a sea-going version of the Harrier vertical take-off aircraft. The Harrier's chances are thought to rest very much with the Sheb of Iran who is interested in ordering an anti-submarine cruiser like HMS Invincible, under construction at Barrow. The Shah wants to fix the Harrier from such a ship, but this probably means that the Royal Navy would have to acquire it first. The RAF is generally acknowledged to have come off worst, with nearly a fifth of its manpower to go during the next five years. Air crews and ground staff concerned with its fleet of transport aircraft, half of which are to be phased out, were sad yesterday to be feeling "pretty low". On the other hand, all the front-line aircraft have survived Mr Mason's cuts except for the long-term threat to reduce the number of three-to-patrol aircraft. That, which will not happen until the Nimrod squadron is withdrawn from Malta in five years.

Backbench Tories to seek defence debate

By George Clark Political Correspondent Members of the Conservative backbenchers' defence committee yesterday decided to press for a two-day debate before Christmas on the defence review statement made on Tuesday by Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence. They want to clarify several proposals, and point to Mr Mason's statement that the Army is to be reduced by 12,000. The only specific reduction mentioned was that the Gurkhas would be reduced by one battalion. Where is the bulk of the 12,000 redundant personnel to be found, they ask. After a meeting yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr Peter Walker, opposition spokesman on defence, it was reported that there was unanimous condemnation of the cuts. Several speakers argued that they would substantially reduce national security and the security of trade routes. It would also be dangerous to lessen the mobility of reduced forces in Hongkong, Cyprus and Malta. Thirty-three Conservatives have signed a Commons motion deploring the cuts because they would "prejudice the country's external and internal security" and "destroy the skill and expertise of trained fighting units". But 58 Labour backbenchers, headed by Sir Geoffrey de Freitas (Kettering), came to the Commons' defence with a strongly worded motion, obviously designed to counter criticism from the left-wing Tribune group on Tuesday. Hongkong worries, page 8

Second man charged with bomb murder

Continued from page 1 Continued from page 1 special order seized by Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary. More raids were being made in London and the Home Counties, less night by detectives from Surrey, Scotland Yard's bomb squad and the Special Branch. Mr Gerald Doherty, the second man to be deported under the new legislation, was flown from Glasgow to Dublin yesterday. Mr Doherty, aged 31, a lorry driver, is a former national organizer of Clann na nGael, the Irish nationalist party. He once served a 20-month prison sentence for conspiring to buy arms. The decision to exclude him has caused surprise in legal circles, although the Home Office has made it clear that under the new law no distinction will be made between the two wings of the IRA. Mr Doherty said on arrival in Dublin that he had always campaigned against the Provisional IRA, which was a monster that had been allowed to grow up "in our midst". "I know how the people of Britain feel," Mr Doherty said. "The English have never been bombed into submission. The bomb and the bullet is no way to work towards a solution." No attempt was made by the Dublin authorities to arrest Mr Doherty or Mr John Rafferty, the other man expelled. The third man arrested under the new law, Mr James Flynn, another supporter of the Official Sinn Fein, was still being held at the main police station in Bristol yesterday pending an appeal to the Home Secretary. Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Short, Leader of the Commons, will announce today that the debate and vote on the question of reintroducing capital punishment for acts of terrorism involving murder will take place next Wednesday.

UDA men jailed in gun-running case

Three members of the Ulster Defence Association were jailed yesterday for their part in a conspiracy to smuggle arms into Britain from Canada. They plotted to smuggle weapons, ammunition and explosives through the port of Southampton last March. John William Roy Gadd, aged 26 of Garston Old Road, Liverpool, said to be the second in command of the UDA in England, was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court to 10 years' imprisonment. Roy Ralph Rogers Forbes, aged 26, a former Leeds city councillor, of Derwentwater Terrace, Headingley, Leeds, was sentenced to seven years. John William Griffiths, aged 49, of Linden Road, Beeston, Leeds, was sentenced to five years. Mr Justice Brabin asked Detective Inspector John Porter if the two chief witnesses at the trial, Mrs Louise Davey and her daughter, Jacqueline, were now "living under protection". Inspector Porter replied: "We are keeping an eye on them, my Lord." The judge then told the three men: "These 12 guns with ammunition to use in them, and equipment with which to make ammunition, make it perfectly clear that these guns were brought in to kill. This conspiracy is a wider one than is represented in you three. "But what I am quite sure about is that of the three in the dock you, Gadd, are the most to blame. You are the one who led from behind. You are the one who manipulated the others, declaring yourself to be the second in command." He told Mr Forbes: "In some respects you are inadequate, an inadequate student and an inadequate cadet, but ready to play your part, under the guidance of others, to assist in bringing these guns into this country." He told Mr Griffiths: "It is difficult to understand how a person such as yourself became involved with these vicious criminals, but they needed a front man." Our Southampton Correspondent writes: The jail sentence marks the end of a brilliant career for Mr Forbes, law student, member of the Conservative Monday Club and UDA lieutenant. He, Mr Griffiths, the Leeds UDA commander, and Mr Gadd, second-in-command of the UDA in England, turned gun-runners in a plot to ship arms from Canada to Ulster. The first shipment, addressed to a Mr B. Griffiths, arrived at Southampton docks on March 14 this year in the container ship Dare America. The crate was left on the quayside for collection, but information led police and Special Branch officers to Southampton's container terminal and the arrest of the men who conspired to arm Ulster Protestants. During the 16-day trial, Mrs Louise Davey, aged 49, former UDA sergeant, described how Mr Gadd visited her home at Ivybridge, near Plymouth, to discuss the plot. She said he told her: "It must be brought home to the British people what they are going through in Ulster. There should be bombings in Britain." Mrs Davey, who left the UDA for fear of reprisals against herself and her daughter, has moved from her home and is in hiding. It is known that she is on the UDA's "wanted list". In Canada, a member of a Canadian Loyalist Association and another man, both from Ulster, have admitted illegally exporting arms and are due to be sentenced in January. Senior detectives believe they have ended the arms-running route. Det Sup Harry Pilbeam, deputy head of Hampshire CID, said yesterday: "We have prevented a number of arms going to Northern Ireland which could have meant the deaths of many innocent people."

Roman Catholics endorse pain relief for dying

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent It is morally permissible to apply medical treatment to relieve pain, even though such treatment may bring forward the moment of death, the Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales say in a statement today on euthanasia. The statement, to be read in Roman Catholic churches next Sunday, said such measures were quite different from euthanasia, the deliberate and direct ending of a life. This form of killing was murder and forbidden by the law of God and the law of the land. But "we are not required to go to extraordinary lengths to prolong a life which is obviously drawing near its end." The bishops urged resistance to "the evil of euthanasia", which they said would lower respect for life in general. It could too easily lead to the admission of elderly and handicapped persons, who might, by some arbitrary rule, be considered a burden on the community.

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No ruling yet on press freedom, editors told

The Royal Commission Press has ruled out a ruling by editors for an interim press freedom. The request, from the of British Newspaper Editors, went to the commission height of last month's in which some editors brought out news single-handed because of working to rule and black copy from non-members National Union of Journalists. The guild wanted to how a proposed union shop would affect them, a right of a union to stop action of material out of own members. Sir Morris Finer, chair the commission, said in a letter to the guild although the issues were the first importance commission do not desire nounce upon them before this early stage of their de tions. The commission had carefully entertained the question that they should immediate and separate in this area of their but "we have decided should out do so". "The matters to which refer are, in the commission, intimately linked others arising from their terms of reference requires the commission consider the maintenance independence, diversity, editorial standards, of press, and which have thorough consideration of matters arising from their management, and practices." Trimming leaders: Lord sham of St Marylebone, ing yesterday at the Unit Civil Club, said that un Wilson, government had impartiality (our Political writes). "The danger that the will be effectively muzzled the result of Mr Foot's discriminatory laws is clear by the national editors said. "Already there are papers that have to phrase leading articles so as to offend fathers of chapel if they were compelled to do it, the NUJ. "The time is not far off if Mr Foot has his way, militia pickets will have power, in pursuance of ary action, to possess police power of stopping. "Respect for law can maintained by impartial and judges alone. A fair administration of the law legal subjects is required. Executive, of Parliament of local authorities, and, trade unions expect treated as an estate realm, as I have seen sug by the unions as well."

COUNTRY LIFE CHRISTMAS NUMBER. A large advertisement for Country Life magazine's Christmas issue. It features a central illustration of a winter scene with a house and trees. Text includes 'Shepherds Abiding', 'Illustrators of "A Christmas Carol"', 'The Origins of "Peter Pan"', 'Choice on the Christmas Menu', and 'Red Berries of the Saturnalia'. It also mentions 'On sale now 35 pence' and 'The trial continues today'.

Woman leaves jury at murder trial

A murder trial at Leeds Crown Court continued with 11 jurors yesterday after a woman juror disclosed that she knew one of the witnesses. Thomas Anderson, aged 70, a rat catcher, of Harehills Lane, Leeds, denies murdering Miss Daisy Somerset Morris, aged 80, of Valeta Cottage, Scarcroft, near Leeds. He agreed to the trial continuing with 11 jurors. Mr Harry Ognall, QC, for the prosecution, has alleged that Mr Anderson killed Miss Morris by strangling her with a piece of hinder twine last April. He said the offence was born out of greed and nurtured by Mr Anderson's acute shortage of money. It was prompted by overwhelming frustration with Miss Morris for declining to sell him a cottage with adjoining land which would have brought him £10,000.

Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings. Includes a map of the British Isles showing pressure systems and fronts. Text provides details for 'Today' (Sun rises 7:49 am, Moon sets 11:40 am) and 'Tomorrow' (Sun rises 7:53 pm, Moon sets 11:13 pm). It also includes area forecasts for London, East Anglia, SE E, NW, Central N, Central S, Midlands, Wales, Channel Islands, and various regions. A table of weather reports for various cities is provided at the bottom.

Soldier cleared

Lance Corporal Douglas Nicoll, aged 24, of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Highlanders, was found not guilty at Belfast City Commission yesterday of unlawfully killing Alexander Howell, who was shot dead during disturbances in the Shankill Road last December. The judge held that Corporal Nicoll might have believed "not unreasonably" that Mr Howell was part of a crowd threatening him outside a bar.

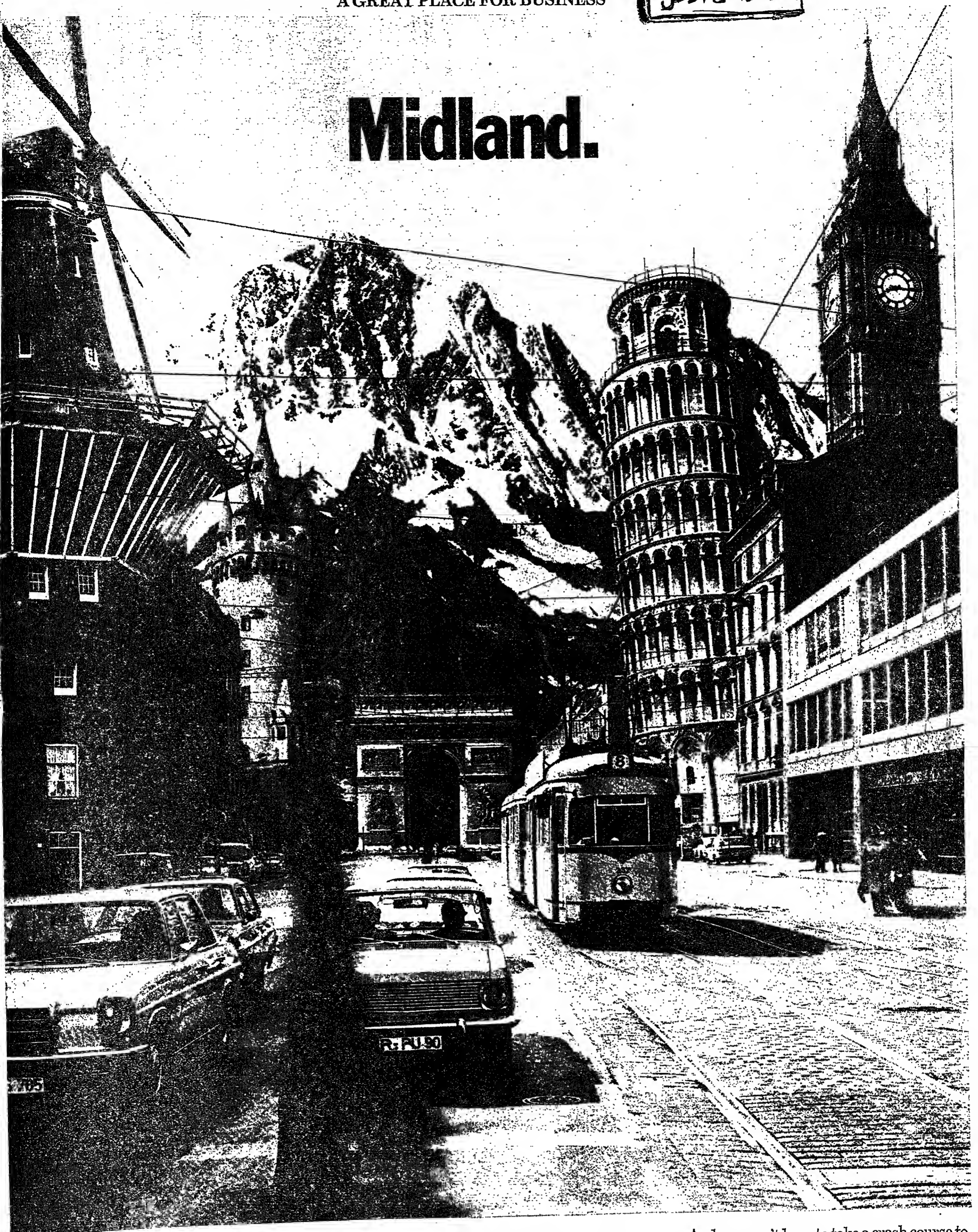
Additional weather information and news snippets. Includes 'Yesterday' weather summary (Temp: max 5 am, min 13°C) and 'Correction' notice regarding a newspaper report. There is also a small graphic at the bottom with Arabic text 'كندا من الأصل'.



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HOME NEWS

Mr Foot urges restraint on pay claims and tells unions the critical period is ahead

By Our Labour Staff
Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, appealed to trade union leaders yesterday to restrain wage demands over the next eight to 12 months, a critical period.

miners, nurses, postmen and railwaymen as special cases and the teachers would get similar treatment when the Houghton report was published.

that the full force of the coming economic storm would not materialize. Public expenditure must be prevented from getting out of control.



Picasso's 'Child with a Dove' has been lent to the National Gallery, London.

Emergency plan to build more houses

My Michael Hatfield Political Staff
Government plans to more private houses are announced soon by Mr Land, Secretary of State for Environment.

Sharp rise in beef prices forecast

By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent
Beef prices could rise by half between now and spring 1976, Mr Colin Cullimore, managing director of the Dewhurst chain of butchers' shops said yesterday.

He presented Super Star to Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union, as a symbol of butchers' support for the struggle by the union for adequate returns for beef producers.

Inquiry jury reject advice from judge

The jury at a fatal accident inquiry in Glasgow yesterday rejected advice that there was no evidence to say who caused an accident which killed a train driver.

who died 12 days later. They said they were throwing the stones at pigeons. Sheriff Ian McPail had told the jury there was no suggestion of criminal proceedings against anyone.

A court was not the place for language of that kind. Sheriff McPail told the jury they could not find negligence by British Rail.

Voice of RAF confounds Po valley snails and Severn's Bean geese

By Tim Jones
Italian snails, flocks of siskins invading gardens in Kent, and four Bean geese which arrived in the Severn estuary last month have had their reputations as harbingers of severe weather officially confounded.

while waxwings have arrived in waves to feast on the berries on East Anglian trees. Mr John, who represents the hardy constituency of Pontypridd, assured Mr David Stoddard (Spelthorn, Lab) that although an ice age was expected it was unlikely to arrive for a few thousand years yet.

present interglacial period already lasted 10,000 years ideas do not necessarily mean that an ice age is imminent the time scale of changes is very long in human terms.

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Arsonist is jailed for nine years

Cyril Allaton, aged 44, had made five fire attacks on a Methodist church in Harlesden, London, where he was a member of the congregation, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Education to expand by a tenth, Mr Prentice says

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent
Education in England and Wales is likely to expand by about a tenth over the next two years, Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday.

providing new places. But bulk of the improvement will be devoted to a better teacher pupil ratio.

Four years for smuggling drug

Harold Green, a former professional footballer, was jailed for four years yesterday after being found guilty at Winchester Crown Court of smuggling 153 kilograms of cannabis into Britain, evading importation restrictions and making a false declaration to obtain a passport.

Children not reading half as many books as in 1938

By Our Education Correspondent
Two boys out of five aged 14 and over do not read books, according to the results of a nationwide survey carried out by the Schools Council among 8,000 children aged between 10 and 15 and published today.

had been assessed by the teachers as average or above average in school attainment. The report attributes much of the blame to television. Three-fifths of the same watched more than two hours an evening, and two-fifths watched three hours. But most children did not read. The report found that girls read more than boys a children from middle-class small families read more than those from working-class large families.

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ME NEWS

Racial complaints up two thirds the North-west

John Chatter... Some employers felt unable to put forward suitable Asian employees for appropriate over-looker training because of adverse reaction from white overlookers.

increase in complaints in public houses was men- tioned as a disturbing trend... he report said the Law Commission on the Preston club issue made non- of the intentions behind the Relations Act.

Jobs discrimination the... the text of the Lan- textile industry many mills employed be- 30 per cent and 70 per of Asians on normal pro- work. Most night shifts entirely Asian except for ritors. However, in the

GLC move to cut censorship powers

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter

The Greater London Council will be asked on January 28 to abolish its powers of censorship over films shown to adults, but to continue to exercise its powers for children and young people up to the age of 18.

There is likely to be a free vote on the issue—the majority Labour group has already decided there shall be—and Mrs Enid Wistrich, chairman of the council's Film Viewing Board, said yesterday that she would resign the post if the council did not accept the board's recommendation. "I don't think they will oppose it," she added.

A lengthy study of film censorship was commissioned by the board 18 months ago after two refusals by the Home Office to carry out an investigation. Mrs Wistrich said that although they were bound by law to censor films for children, a power they were retaining and raising the age limit from 16 to 18, the power to censor films for adults was optional.

In 1968 theatres were removed from that obligation to prior censorship; the number of cinemas had been running down over the years; in 1972 there were twice as many cinemas as theatres.

Television is now the medium for family entertainment," Mrs Wistrich said, "and the cinema is very much more now a deliberate act of choice."

The study, she said, had looked at evidence of anti-social behaviour arising from film viewing, had assessed public attitudes, and looked at the legal background and the control of advertising and information.

The conclusion was that there was a great and unjustified divergence in treatment between the theatre and books on one hand and films and cinema on the other. Prior censorship was the most repressive form, but to abandon it did not mean no censorship at all. The report will be formally presented to the board next week and from there it will go to the Arts and Recreation Committee which may decide to send it direct to the GLC meeting.

Reporter must respect club's privacy

Newspaperman attending a meeting of an organization as a member should make an immediately any intention to report that meeting, the Council says in an adjudication.

upheld a complaint against Evening Advertiser, Swindon, by the Wyvern Club at the Theatre and Arts Centre, Swindon, that a member of the newspaper staff assumed position as a club member.

He attended the annual meeting and reported the proceedings without declaring his intention to do so and without the club's permission, it said.

he newspaper published an article headed "Theatre club is small—Wyvern boss". It contained critical remarks by the club's programme director. Mr Stuart Macpherson, the club secretary, protested to the club. He said he presumed the article was written by Mr Peter James, who participated in the meeting purely as a club member.

he dispute went to the Press Council, and Mr Holmes told the council there was no indication that the meeting was private. He did not learn until after the meeting that the article was written by a reporter from another newspaper.

he council's adjudication said: "It is in the public interest that confidentiality should be respected. The council notes that at the time of publication the editor of the newspaper did not know that this was a private meeting, that the reporter was a member of the Wyvern club."

Foxes not pests survey of farmers claims

By a Staff Reporter

The League Against Cruel Sports claimed yesterday to have exploded the myth that fox hunting was the fairy godmother of the farmers. It published a report purporting to show that most farmers do not regard hunting as important to fox control.

The report, based on a survey conducted by National Opinion Polls Ltd, shows that 70 per cent of farmers in Britain consider the present fox population is not detrimental to them. Forty-nine per cent believed foxes were valuable in controlling rabbits, rats and mice.

Sixty-four per cent said they had no financial loss from fox damage in the past year and those who did put it no higher than £25. In Scotland 87 per cent claimed no loss due to foxes. Nearly half the farms did not use any form of control.

Mr Raymond Rowley, the league's chairman, said: "This report is the most important development in our campaign to abolish fox hunting." He said the £2,000 survey showed that the fox was not as traditionally believed, the dreadful enemy of the British farmer. Moreover, like other British wildlife, in reasonable numbers it was a perfectly acceptable inhabitant of the countryside.

The survey, he said, dispelled the claim by hunting interests that fox hunting was a necessary form of control and that were it not for fox hunting the species would be exterminated. Mr Rowley made it clear that the league was not opposed to the culling of foxes by marksmen.

Busmen approve pay and holidays pact

Pay rises of between £4.36 and £8.55 a week were approved yesterday by a delegate conference in London representing 1,000 municipal busmen. A package deal, providing basic rates of between £30.60 and £30.07 from the first week in January, was accepted by 41 out of 42. Shift pay rises by £1.14 and £1.44 a week give another £3.82 to £4.88 a week on top of the new basic rate.

Judge protests over curbs in care order cases

from Our Correspondent Liverpool

A judge protested yesterday at restrictions imposed on courts dealing with children who commit serious offences but who are under a care order. There is nothing any court can do but put them under a care order," Mr Justice Oliver Brown said at Liverpool Crown Court.

He was hearing the case of a boy aged 11 who pleaded guilty to causing the death by dangerous driving in a stolen car on July 27 of a woman aged 44. The judge, noting that the boy had previously been made the subject of a care order, said: "I wish the appropriate authorities would draw to the attention of the Home Secretary that the previous care order plainly failed, it may well be for administrative reasons."

Pre-flight pills that keep a man too long in the clouds

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Businessmen who fly inter-continental airline routes were warned by an aviation doctor yesterday not to use sedatives to sleep during flights. Wing Commander A. N. Nicholson, consultant in aviation physiology at the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine, Farnborough, said it was important to appreciate that most pills led to hangover effects, and that abilities the next day might be impaired. Some also removed the capacity to discern that one's ability was impaired.

Wing Commander Nicholson, who was addressing the Royal Society of Arts in London, added: "At the moment, pills are not a simple answer for the jet age executive." Possibly sedatives would become available eventually which would give the traveller a good night's rest without affecting balance the next day. "But for the moment, if you

for anything over eight hours worked on a given day.

Unions and employers will examine the possibility of reintroducing a threshold arrangement, says Mr Larry Smith, national group secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said the union was asking the Labour Party and the TUC to back a request for government subsidies to bus undertakings "to prevent a reduction in bus services and massive fare increases".

Referring to the "international fly-drive brigade", Wing Commander Nicholson said the traveller would be adding unfamiliarity of road conditions to that of disorganized body rhythms and loss of sleep. "The picture of the bronzed, debonair, smiling executive with well-pressed trousers receiving a key from the desirable, well-groomed and smart young girl is not always strictly true." In future perhaps travellers would need to be wound up for the supersonic age. The body clock mechanism might be controlled by drugs which would "shift the hands a few hours forwards or backwards." "Will there be shops where the batteries of the running forks in our brains can be replaced? Perhaps we could look forward to stopping the biological clock altogether?" he suggested.

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## HOME NEWS

### Ford workers plan disruptive action in redundancy protest

By David Leigh  
Ford workers at Dagenham, Basildon and Halewood are planning to ban overtime and liaison with their counterparts in Ford European plants, in protest at the announcement by the company on Tuesday of 1,750 white-collar redundancies.

There is constant contact between engineers in Britain and Ford plants in Belgium and Germany, where centralized body design is carried out. Engineering workers from the Technical and Supervisory Section (Tass) of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, hope that their refusal to deal with Continental counterparts will interfere with Ford programmes. Tass members were told yesterday not to volunteer for redundancy or attend the personal interviews the company proposed. They accused the company of describing the redundancies as voluntary for the sake of appearance only.

Three unions are affected by the cuts: Tass, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) and the technical section of the Transport and General Workers' Union. These cover designers and engineers, foreign and office staff. It was disclosed yesterday that Ford is likely to shut its advanced vehicle operation at Aveley in Essex, and transfer the manufacture of Mexicos and other high-performance Escort derivatives to their under-employed main plants. About 150 manual jobs may be lost, and many of the 100 salaried jobs. Engineers and designers at Ford said they had expected redundancies for the past four months. The overtime ban was one of their prepared contingency plans. Tass representatives recommended the ban, which was being put to meetings in Ford plants throughout the country yesterday and today. The ban is expected to affect Ford production after the weekend, as maintenance and safety engineers refuse duty. Mr Arthur Faizy, a TGWU local officer, said office staff had been warned by shop stewards not to volunteer for redundancies.

### Borstal for glass attack

From Our Correspondent  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
A sentence of borstal training was passed at Newcastle Crown Court yesterday on the man accused of jabbing a beer glass into the face of the sailor grandson of the King of Norway.

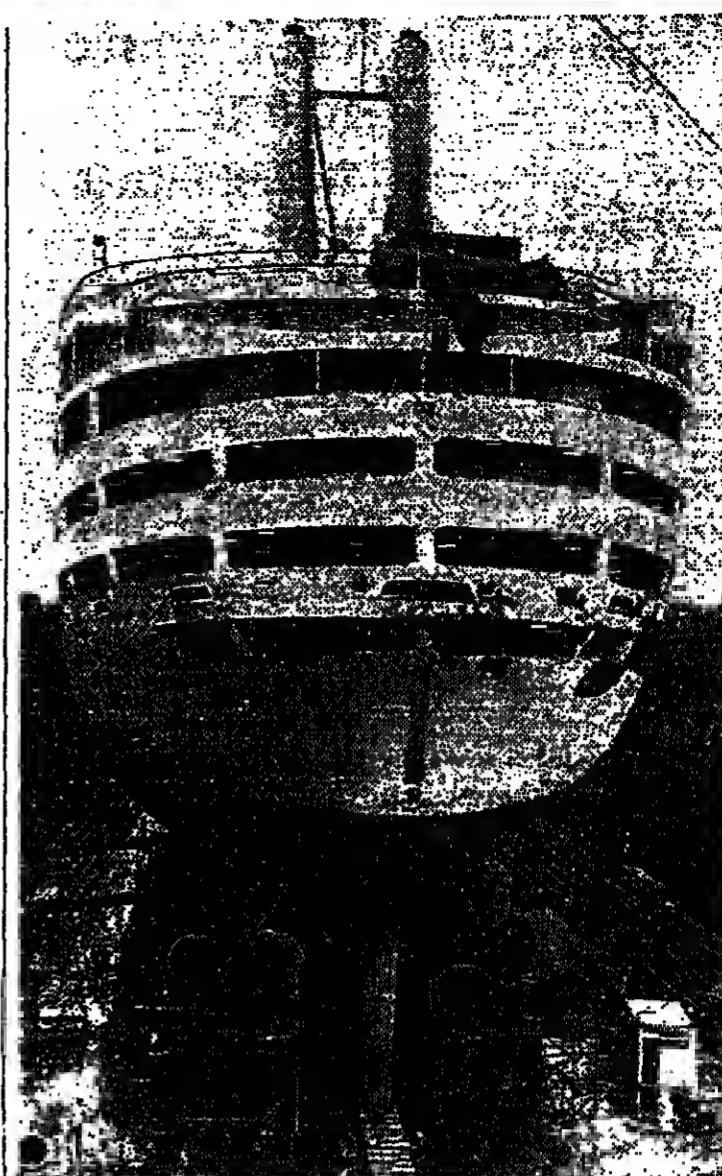
Gary Lindsay, aged 20, of Low Fell, Gateshead, pleaded guilty to wounding Heakon Lorentzen, 20, with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The court accepted pleas of not guilty from William Alfred Burton, 26, and James Barry Mowatt, 19, both of Low Fell. For causing £26 damage in a Newcastle public house Mr Burton was fined £40 and Mr Mowatt £75.

The offences took place last August when the Norwegian frigate Stavanger, in which Mr Lorentzen was a teleoperator, visited the Tyne.

Prosecuting, Mr David Saville, QC, said that Mr Lorentzen's injuries required 31 stitches. Mr Peter Taylor, for Mr Lindsay, said that according to Mr Lindsey Norwegian sailors began singing the British national anthem in a "grizzly" way. He denied jabbing the glass but said he threw it.

Judge Maxwell Gosney pointed out that Mr Lindsay had been in prison for 3½ months.



The Canberra being prepared at Southampton for a Christmas cruise.

### Two eject from inquiry on motorway

By Michael Horsnell  
Police ejected two men from a public inquiry at E. Essex, into the route of the motorway yesterday after scenes which forced the inquiry to adjourn proceedings, 15 minutes.

One of them, Mr John a lecturer in environmental studies who represents a conservation bodies, had that the inquiry was illegal refused to observe instructions from Mr F. H. Clinch inspector.

It was understood that the nor Mr George Miles, 65, another objector to route, will be charged with offence. Mr Tyme had to Clinch that the national C vacation Society will today a High Court injunction to the inquiry until its legal verified.

Mr Clinch refused to adjourn the inquiry, which was second day, until the court reached a decision. The inquiry continues today.

### US award to police

Dr William J. Rodgers, 36, principal scientist, Gl. City police, was pres yesterday with the U States Congressional C for support given by the in crime investigations in United States person

### Varying standards in mental hospitals

By John Roper  
Medical Reporter

Striking contrasts are still to be found in almost every sphere of care in hospitals for the mentally ill, the Hospital Advisory Service says in its annual report published today. It records improvement in accommodation and facilities in the past year but points out that some hospitals managed disturbed patients on open mixed wards with excellent standards and minimal restrictions while others still resort to padded cells, seclusion and outmoded practices.

These wide differences, the report says, are not due to differences in financial allocation, nor necessarily to staff skills but are largely related to outlook and not uncommonly training or age. It also notes that many doctors are becoming concerned at the amount of time required for committee work.

Members of the advisory team who attend committee meetings, sometimes found lengthy discussion of irrelevancies, while important matters were not debated.

The report notes improvements in fire precautions but

says it was still possible to hospitals where fire doors unmarked. At others, were locked and the unobtainable. Some wards known fire risks and patients had no night nur.

Unrestricted smoking, finned in many hospitals some senior staff set a larly bad example. At hospital a notice request people not to smoke was played above cigarette vending machines.

Hospital Advisory Service, a report for 1973 (Stationery O 45p).

### Immigration totals show altered pattern

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The number of New Commonwealth-born people living in Britain doubled in a decade, but the number settling here since 1969 was overtaken by foreigners, according to the latest volume of statistics from the 1971 census.

On census day in 1971, 2,983,000 residents were born outside the United Kingdom, or 5.5 per cent of the population.

New Commonwealth-born residents formed 38 per cent and foreign-born residents 33 per cent of all those born outside the United Kingdom.

Since the end of 1965, 294,905 with both parents born in the New Commonwealth came to stay compared with 205,570 foreigners. But since 1968, and after tightening of immigration rules, the proportions have changed greatly. The post-1969 entry included 90,235 foreigners who came to stay and 65,475 New Commonwealth citizens.

Census, 1971: Great Britain Country of Birth Tables. Stationery office, £3.65.

### Advisers to help childminders

The first professional advisers to work with both legal and illegal childminders are to be appointed in the new year by the Save the Children Fund.

The two advisers, one in South Yorkshire, the other in Manchester, will be attached to the Childminding Research and Development Unit, which is carrying out a government-sponsored national inquiry into childminding.

### Students drop hall scheme

Hull University students' union, which recently occupied the disused hall in protest against the university's refusal to lead it £100,000 towards the cost of building a new recreation hall, decided yesterday not to go ahead with the project.

Mr Steve Green, union president, said repayments and interest on loans would have been high in the present economic situation.

### Guy's strike over

Two shop stewards of the Confederation of Health Service Employees, whose dismissal caused a six-day strike at Guy's Hospital, London, were reinstated yesterday, ending the strike.

### Bull hazard of M6

An enraged bull charged along the M6 motorway at Cresswell, Staffordshire, yesterday, confronting drivers for two hours with a cow road hazard, until council workers manoeuvred it into a field.

### Bomb family fly home

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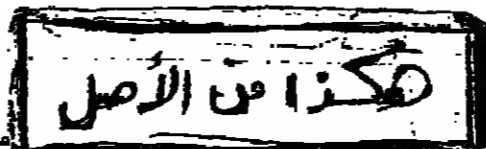
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The amount depends on the rateable value of your house or flat, with payments ranging between £150 and £1,500.

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13m Italians  
greet new  
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From Peter Nichols  
Rome, Dec 4  
While Signor Aldo Moro was approaching the final stages of the parliamentary confidence debate on his new Government, some 13 million Italians took part today in a general strike. It was not, however, meant as an attack on the Government. The immediate cause was the breakdown of negotiations with the employers on a threshold agreement. In the longer term the unions also want a fresh economic policy concerning such matters as pensions, prices, investments in agriculture, energy, transport and construction.  
Trade union leaders addressing strikers throughout the country spoke with some optimism, in fact, seeing in the successful conclusion of a new contract with Fiat an additional reason to suppose that present tensions could be "decanted". General strikes are now a familiar part of Italian life. In a sense, a more disturbing development today, because it is unprecedented, was the completion in Cagliari's main hospital of the process of sending home patients not regarded as in urgent need of attention. A hospital official said tonight that up to 500 of the 1,800 patients had been sent away. The hospital staff have been on strike for the last eight days.



M Jean-Paul Sartre, second from right, arrives at Stuttgart airport, accompanied by Herr Daniel Cohn-Bendit, the former student leader, right, on his way to visit the imprisoned anarchist, Herr Andreas Baader.

Anarchist in  
torture,  
says Sartre

From Dan van der Vat  
Bonn, Dec 4  
M Jean-Paul Sartre, the French philosopher, today described the detention conditions of the alleged terrorist leader, Herr Andreas Baader, as "torture" after visiting him in prison.  
M Sartre was allowed one hour with Herr Baader during normal visiting hours at Stammheim prison, near Stuttgart, and afterwards gave a press conference.

He said the "torture" he spoke of was highly likely to bring on psychological disturbances. The detention centre offered no possibility of relating to normal life.  
Herr Baader, who like several other alleged leaders of the Baader-Meinhof group of anarchist urban guerrillas has been on hunger strike since September 13, lived in a white-painted cell in which he would hear nothing but "the footsteps of the warden three times a day", M Sartre said. Similar conditions applied to his alleged accomplices.  
Herr Baader, who is 31, was very weak, having lost two to three stones, and his face looked like that of a man who was starved and tortured.  
M Sartre's French was trans-

lated into German by M Daniel Cohn-Bendit, the student leader who was prominent in the political unrest during the summer of 1968 in France and West Germany.  
M Sartre said Herr Baader had described the actions of the Baader-Meinhof gang as necessary at the time in order to achieve a reorganization of the "masses". Originally the gang had wanted to link up with the proletarian masses. Co-operation with political organizations in the third world had also been planned.  
Herr Baader had said that the struggle of the anarchist group, which was intended to lead to a civil war, could be seen as necessary only at the present time and only in West Germany.

M Sartre said that from a French point of view the ideology and position of the "Red Army Faction", as the gang calls itself, was "politically irrelevant". But he thought the political position Herr Baader and his group was "not scandalous". He had sought to bring about a different society.  
The Prime Minister of Baden-Württemberg, of which Stuttgart is the capital, today accused M Sartre, who is 69, of "lacking insight" towards the victims of the gang and the entire population of West Germany. Dr Hans Filbinger said the gang had made M Sartre "the tool of a calculated defamation campaign against justice in a constitutional state".

Gen Franco  
celebrates  
his 82nd  
birthday

From Harry Dehelius  
Madrid, Dec 4  
Political tension in Spain apparently did not interfere with the quiet family celebration in Madrid today of General Franco's eighty-second birthday at the El Pardo palace. Almost every newspaper in the country carried the general's photograph on the front page.  
General Franco, according to those who have seen him in recent days, now appears to be in good condition for a man of his age and in fact in better health than before he was admitted to hospital in Madrid last summer for treatment of phlebitis.  
He once again showed who rules Spain only last week when he forced Señor Arias Navarro, the Prime Minister, to back down from his "minimum programme" for political associations.

A version of the proposed legislation to authorize associations for political purposes is now ready to be debated by the 100-man Council of the Falange-based National Movement, Spain's only legal political organization. But the proposed law falls far short of what Señor Arias Navarro wanted, and even shorter of what the opposition would like to see.  
In the Basque country 10,000 workers continued their strike in support of a demand for amnesty for political prisoners.  
A wave of bombings and bomb threats in the region kept the political police busy. Another bomb went off last night in the lavatory of a crowded cinema in Bilbao, but an anonymous caller gave warning in time to avoid any injury.  
Other anonymous calls proved to be false alarms. They resulted in the evacuation of banks, schools and hotels in San Sebastian and at the university in Bilbao.  
The police broke up a students' demonstration at the San Sebastian cathedral yesterday, making a number of arrests.

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France wins £370m arms  
sale to Saudi Arabia

From Richard Wigg  
Paris, Dec 4  
France has obtained an order from Saudi Arabia for arms worth 4,000m francs (more than £370m), official sources said here today.  
France, which has been cultivating the Saudi Arabian market intensely since the oil crisis, has achieved its biggest single arms deal since the 1970 contract to deliver Libya 110 Mirage fighter aircraft.

French TV men  
suspend strike

Paris, Dec 4.—Journalists of the French state television and radio network today decided to suspend their strike action from midnight tonight but to stop work again from Monday "indefinitely".  
The journalists began their strike 10 days ago in an effort to compel the Government to negotiate over redundancies.

MP's immunity  
lifted in Bonn

Bonn, Dec 4.—The Bundestag today suspended the parliamentary immunity of an Opposition deputy so that his office could be searched in connexion with a bribery investigation.  
Herr Heinrich Gewandt, a Christian Democrat from Hamburg, is under investigation by the Koblenz state attorney's office on suspicion of complicity in bribery.

'European will' urged for energy

From Our Own Correspondent  
Paris, Dec 4  
The speech of M Destreumau, the French Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to the Western European Union assembly this morning was much lighter than the rather shattering contribution by M Jobert, the former Foreign Minister, last year. It illustrated the transition French foreign policy has undergone since President Giscard d'Estaing took office, from calculated confrontation or isolation to cooperation.  
When M Jobert spoke, Western Europe had not yet felt the full impact of the energy crisis and inflation. Now it is in the midst of both.  
A European political will must be demonstrated on the

EEC scheme for  
cheaper sugar  
gets under way

From David Cross  
Brussels, Dec 4  
The first stage of the European Community's scheme to supply British housewives with relatively cheap sugar was put into operation by the European Commission today.  
An announcement in the Community's official journal opened tenders for traders to buy up to 200,000 tons of sugar on the world market for sale at subsidized prices in Britain and other parts of the Community where there are sugar shortages. Offers have to be submitted by next Wednesday.

New Swiss president

Berne, Dec 4.—Mr Pierre Graber, the Foreign Minister, was elected President of Switzerland for 1975 in a joint session of the two Houses of Parliament today.—AP.

First woman judge

Berne, Dec 4.—The Swiss Parliament today elected the first woman judge to the Federal Tribunal, Switzerland's Supreme Court. She is Mrs Margrit Bigler-Eggenberger, aged 41.



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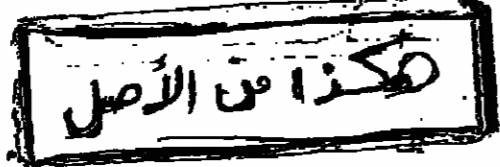
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### OVERSEAS

## Mr Clerides expected by UN to continue meeting Mr Denktash

Nicosia, Dec 4.—Acting President Clerides and Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, held further talks today, two days before Archbishop Makarios returns here after four months' absence from Cyprus.

A massive rally has been arranged for the return of the Archbishop, who fled Cyprus after being overthrown as President by a National Guard coup in July.

A United Nations spokesman said that today's meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and dealt with the question of the thousands of people still missing and unaccounted for in the fierce fighting that followed the Turkish invasion of the island on July 20. The spokesman told reporters that they could assume there would be a further meeting, although the Turkish Government said in Ankara on Monday that the talks would be suspended if Archbishop Makarios returned to Nicosia.

The talks have proved useful in the exchange of prisoners and detained civilians on both sides and observers said that for them to end could lead to further conflict.

Mr Clerides, who assumed the presidency a week after the National Guard coup, has said that he will resume his original duties as Speaker of the House of Representatives when Archbishop Makarios comes here from Athens. He returned here on Monday after meeting the Archbishop and the Greek Government in Athens and said he was pleased with the mandate he received on the line to be followed by the Greek side in future talks with the Turkish Cypriots.

Kyrenia, Dec 4.—Turkish military police looked on today as 45 Greek Cypriot refugees were released from a Kyrenia hotel where they have been held for almost four months.

Other refugees crowded the windows of the hotel on the waterfront of this north Cyprus town and shouted goodbye to the 45, among them a woman of 78 who had to be helped to a United Nations peace force bus. There were emotional scenes as the group left the big, rambling Dome Hotel.

Another 150 refugees are due to be released from the hotel over the next three days, leaving only about 120, who are staying on at their own request—according to a Turkish Cypriot police official—until they can move to their damaged homes in Kyrenia.

Our Ankara Correspondent writes: Parliament today voted unanimously to prolong martial law in the four Turkish provinces of Ankara, Istanbul, Adana and Icel for a month.

Mr Sancak, the Defence Minister, cited Greece's "uncompromising attitude" as one of the reasons for asking the extension. "It still is not known when and if talks on Cyprus will take place", he said. There was a continuing Greek military build-up on the island. Guerrilla training camps had been set up in southern Cyprus.

For the first time since martial law was proclaimed on July 20 when Cyprus was invaded, the Government also mentions domestic reasons for asking for an extension.

"Anarchists have again taken up their activities", Mr Sancak said, "and extremists are reorganizing their cells." Over the past month students' disturbances and political orientated bank robberies have started to take place again in Turkey. Today riot police broke up a running battle between right and left-wing students at Ankara University. A number of students were detained.

## Managers hoping Kansas City convention can be party tradition of disastrous wrangling

### Democrats line up for presidency race

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 4

The Democratic Party is gathering in Kansas City tomorrow for a "mid-term" convention. Ostensibly it is meeting to ratify a new and not very exciting charter. But the real business will be to line up candidates and their backers for the race to the 1976 presidential election.

Soma candidates, of course, have been actively preparing their campaigns for months or years past. Senator Henry Jackson, for instance, will appear at Kansas City with all the appointments of a presidential convention, including floor managers, hospitality rooms, campaign trailers and organizers pulling delegates in to shake the Washington senator's hand.

So will the other hopefuls, though perhaps on a less lavish scale. At this stage the list is still long, despite the withdrawal of Senator Walter Mondale and Senator Edward Kennedy. Mr Kennedy will put in an appearance, but a modest one, and will avoid the limelight.

The other candidates include Senator Lloyd Benson of Texas, Congressman Morris Udall of Arizona, Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, Mayor Kevin White of Boston, the former Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina (who presided over the committee which prepared the charter) and such old friends as Governor George Wallace of Alabama, Senator McGovern and Senator Muskie. Some of them will preside over one of the eight seminars on important issues, which will

occupy the 1,700 delegates and 300 national office-holders on Friday. They will discuss economics, foreign affairs, rural America (Senator McGovern), natural resources and various other matters.

The rules and amendments committee, which met this morning, decided that the convention should produce a resolution on economic policy setting out the Democrats' proposals and doubtless attacking the President's.

This is a reversal of previous decisions. Mr Robert Strauss, the party chairman, had wanted to prevent the various panels from producing resolutions and taking votes, for fear that they might start fighting among themselves in the traditional Democratic manner and thus cause the American public to doubt their unity and discipline.

The resolution will therefore be drafted out of the spotlight's glare tomorrow by the rules committee and Mr Strauss hopes that the result will be a resolution so worded that it can be adopted acclamation.

Some reformers wanted the Democratic Party to be remodelled on European parties, with a central organization, programme and membership, and a permanent existence outside the influence of the party's office holders. They have been defeated.

The charter committee decided that the party could do without such European embarrassments as having a party congress instruct the Government on how to conduct its international negotiations. Even the suggestion of regular mid-term conventions, halfway between each presidential election, has been left undecided. Some of the changes that will be proposed will be no such gathering in 1978.

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## Mr Menuhin tames anti-royalists

From Mario Modiano Athens, Dec 4

Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, last night tamed a group of angry anti-monarchists who tried to disrupt his recital in Athens because he had expressed himself in favour of the Greek monarchy.

The police kept at bay about 100 demonstrators who massed outside the Opera House with signs and slogans against Mr Menuhin, and booed patrons.

Mr Menuhin had said at a press conference that he had great hopes for next Sunday's plebiscite. "I know that the Greek people who always react against extremes will appreciate the value of the monarchy."

When he appeared on stage a few from the audience shouted: "Apologize", "Shame", and "Fascist". One youth jumped

up shouting: "No to monarchy" and scattering protest leaflets. He was the only one to leave the full house.

Mr Menuhin was playing in aid of scholarships for music students. He told the audience: "I am here to play for you and for the students, those brave Greek students who made it possible for Greece to breathe again. Those who want to listen must not talk. Those who want to talk should let me finish or wait outside."

There was silence and he began to play César Franck accompanied by Mr Louis Kentner, the pianist.

The incident was typical of the vehemence of reaction by the anti-monarchists which is causing surprise. "If they did not feel that the monarchy was likely to win, they would not

have bothered", a monarchist said.

Flocks of helicopters and hired coaches are touring the Greek provinces in a propaganda move in favour of the republic. Leaflets are being put out accusing the monarchy of responsibility for all national disasters.

All 22 professors and lecturers of the Pantheon Graduate School of Political Sciences signed a declaration in favour of a republic.

The Supreme Court announced that of the 29 citizens' committees which were lawfully founded to campaign during the plebiscite, 24 were republican and five royalist. Of the 12 Athens daily newspapers five favour the republic, two the monarchy, and five remain neutral.

## Sunday Times barred from seeing air crash files

Los Angeles, Dec 4.—A judge yesterday barred *The Sunday Times* of London from access to depositions being given in a multi-million dollar civil suit resulting from the world's worst air crash which killed 346 people near Paris last March.

The *Sunday Times* said McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, makers of the Turkish Airlines DC10 in which 335 passengers and 11 crew died, after the manufacturer sought to bar the paper's reporters access before the hearing of depositions by witnesses.

Federal District Judge Peirson Hall said court rules demanded the depositions should be securely sealed. "If they must be securely sealed, then they must be securely kept from the press as well as others", he ruled in a 17-page judgment.

Relatives of the dead have sued McDonnell-Douglas and others to several separate claims now totalling nearly \$1,000,000.

McDonnell-Douglas has said the crash was probably caused by an insecurely fastened rear cargo door blowing out in flight and depressurizing the aircraft.

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## Prospects bright for new EEC links with Caribbean

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, Dec 4

To the surprise of Brussels officials, the cances of the European Community concluding a satisfactory new form of trade and aid relationship with 44 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, more or less on schedule, look bright.

The countries involved are the 20 mainly African nations already associated with the EEC under the Yaounde Convention, which expires on January 31; and 24 mainly Commonwealth countries, most of which were listed as "associate" in protocol 22 of Britain's Treaty of Accession to the EEC.

When, 18 months ago, the European Commission produced its ambitious scheme for the stabilization of export earnings derived from a list of commodities like groundnuts and cocoa, there were few who believed it would survive scrutiny by the

Nine, let alone negotiations with the 44.

Some problems remain, but the scheme is virtually certain to be accepted in the final round of negotiations. Yesterday in the EEC's Council of Ministers Mr Peter Sbrer, the Secretary for Trade, removed the last obstacle to agreement among the Nine. This concerned the inclusion of tea on the list of commodities.

The 44 ACP countries are expected to hold a ministerial meeting in Dakar, probably on December 16, to decide their position for the concluding negotiations with the EEC. This final round will probably have to wait until January, in view of the pressure of business on the Nine.

## Wilson stand on Balfour pledge attacked in Cairo

Cairo, Dec 4.—The Egyptian Parliament's foreign relations committee today criticized Mr Wilson for defending the Balfour Declaration of 1917 which approved the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

The committee took particular note of statements made by the Prime Minister at a meeting in London of the British Friends of Israel, an organization, which has rejected a demand by Arab hijackers that he should repudiate the Balfour Declaration.

In a report on the country's foreign relations, the committee expressed "astonishment and regret" for statements by the British Prime Minister,

## \$50m Suez Canal loan

Washington, Dec 4.—The World Bank today announced a \$50m (£21.7m) loan to Egypt for work on clearing and reopening the Suez Canal.

The \$288m (£124m) project is being carried out by the Suez Canal Authority and should be completed by early 1978, the

bank said. The canal during the Arab-June, 1967.

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## Newspaper says Mr Eban met King Husain secretly

Tel Aviv, Dec 4.—Israel leaders have met King Husain, of Jordan, at least twice in attempts to work out a peace agreement.

The Israeli newspaper *Yedioth Ahronoth* said today.

"It can now be told that Eban [the former Foreign Minister] met Husain at least twice", the newspaper said. "In 1967 they met in London when Husain was there for medical treatment. The second meeting was in 1968 in the lower Jordan valley.

"At one of the meetings, Eban wore an Israeli farm worker's hat to hide his identity from onlookers. At one of the meetings, the late director of the Foreign Minister's office, Dr Yacov Herzog, was in attendance. At the other meeting, Haim Bar-Lev, who was then Chief-of-Staff, also took part."

New York, Dec 4.—Mr Abba Eban today denied that, in a speech to a Jewish gathering in New York, he had identified himself as the emissary who met King Husain.

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## Israel completes fortifications on Syrian front

From Eric Marsden, Jerusalem, Dec 4

Israel Army engineers have narrowly won a race with the winter to complete a new line of fortifications on the Golan Heights front with Syria. They were helped by unusual fine weather throughout November.

The fortifications, reported to have cost nearly £20m, include an increased number of troop positions and anti-tank trenches. The construction was carried out by Army engineers with the help of private contractors. It is intended to prevent a Syrian breakthrough similar to that in the early days of the October War of last year.

The Army Engineering Corps and its heavy equipment is now being diverted to Sinai to speed up work on fortifications there. It is hoped to complete the work before the next round of negotiations with the Egyptians begin.

## Defence costs worry Hongkong

Hongkong, Dec 4.—Hongkong today faced the prospect of having to pay more towards future costs of keeping British servicemen in the colony.

The announcement by Mr Mason, the Defence Secretary, yesterday that British forces would remain in Hongkong, but there would be less of them and the Hongkong Government would have to foot more of the bill from 1976, brought a prompt response.

Hongkong Government spokesman said that sufficient forces to meet the colony's needs would be retained and talks on what was the right level were continuing.

Sir Murray MacLehose, the governor of Hongkong, is to fly to London on Sunday week for talks at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The issue of defence costs is likely to figure high on the agenda.

Consultations with the British Government about the appropriate level of the colony's contribution would be likely to entail some tough bargaining, the observers added.

Dr Denny Huang, an urban councillor, said that the garrison should be cut to a symbolic force. "Hongkong cannot really be defended in case of an outside attack so there is no reason to pay for a big garrison."

Canberra: Mr Lance Barnard, the Australian Minister of Defence, welcomed British assurances to continue honouring obligations under the five-power defence agreement for south-east Asia.

Mr Barnard acknowledged that the five-power arrangements did not require the garrisoning of troops in the region.

Australia has withdrawn the bulk of its ground troops from Singapore, but maintains two squadrons of Mirage aircraft in Malaysia. The Australian Navy usually has ships in the area.

The German Opposition Christian Democratic Party criticized Britain's plans to cut defence spending. In a statement the Christian Democratic Parliamentary group said that Britain's intention to save some £4,700m over

10 years was unjustifiable in view of the international situation and the growing strength of the Warsaw Pact.

Atlantic) weakens the (North moment, increases the political and military risks for Europe", the statement said.

Delhi: India and Czechoslovakia called in a joint communique for the abolition of all foreign military bases in the Indian Ocean.

The communique issued after a two-day visit in Delhi by Mr Lubomir Strougal, the Czechoslovak Prime Minister, said that the two countries opposed the strengthening of United States military facilities on the British-owned Diego Garcia island.

Today's communique, which dealt mainly with the new agreements on cooperation signed during Mr Strougal's visit, came after a similar one yesterday by India and East Germany after a visit by Herr Ernst Sindermann, the East German Prime Minister.

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## Terrorists manager

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## Tanker fire kills

Nagasaki, Dec 4.—died, three were injured in a fire on 124,000-ton Orient tanker, the Oriens owned by Pacific Carriers, in a Nag yard.—Agence Franc



OVERSEAS

# Japan's new Premier plans changes in ruling party structure

By Peter Hazelhurst  
Tokyo, Dec 4

Mr Miki said he was not prepared to dissolve the Diet. He also refused to reveal whether he will retain office for the full three-year term.

Japan's Prime Minister-designate was swept into office today, much to his own surprise after making three unsuccessful attempts to take over the leadership of the nation.

In his last attempt, in 1972, he was badly mauled when he stood as a candidate for post of president of the Liberal Democrats against the more right-wing Mr Tanaka, Mr Obira and Mr Fukuda.

In an event, 37 years of public life have left Japan's new leader well schooled in the arts of politics and administration.

Born in 1907 in Tokushima, the smallest of Japan's four main islands, Mr Miki entered politics in 1937 after studying in the United States and graduating from Meiji University in Tokyo.

After joining a small group of conservatives after the war, Mr Miki's views have remained slightly left of centre even before his small, progressive party fused with other right-wing groups to form the basis of the conservative ruling party in 1955.

Setting out his political standpoint in 1952, he declared that anti-left-wing political parties should "dare to adopt even socialist policies to correct evils of capitalism and thus contribute towards the people's welfare."

After serving as Minister of Transport in 1954, Mr Miki was appointed Secretary-General of the newly formed Liberal Democratic Party—essentially a merger of conservatives and liberals—in 1956. During the late 1950s and early 1960s he served as Director of the Economic Planning Agency and the Director-General for Science and Technology.

He was re-appointed Secretary-General of the ruling party in 1964 and in the following year he was given the important portfolio of Minister for International Trade and Industry under Mr Sato, the former Prime Minister.

Unlike many of Japan's other conservative leaders, Mr Miki had travelled widely before he was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1966.

After serving as Foreign Minister for two years, Mr Miki stood as an unsuccessful "leftist" candidate for the party leadership against Mr Sato in November, 1968.

Mr Miki joined Mr Tanaka's Cabinet as Deputy Prime Minister in 1972 but it soon became apparent that the differences between the two faction leaders would lead to a rift.



Shepherds in the desolate Tusheti Mountains in Soviet Georgia load wool into sacks ready for collection by helicopter, their only link with the outside world.

# Ethiopian pledge to UN on political trials

Addis Ababa, Dec 4.—United Nations General Assembly that there is no reason whatsoever for the fair trials would be given to some 170 former Government officials and military leaders now held in the cellars of the former royal palace here.

The assurance was given in a reply to a telegram sent last month by Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, conveying a United Nations resolution which urged the military Government to refrain from further summary executions of political prisoners.

Eleven days ago, the military government summarily executed 59 former government officials and military men. The former chairman of the provisional military council, General Amao Andom, was said by the government to have been killed in a gun battle outside his house as he was about to be arrested the same day.

The reply, signed by Brigadier-General Teferi Benti, said the Military Council assured the United Nations General Assembly that there is no reason whatsoever for the fair trials would be given to some 170 former Government officials and military leaders now held in the cellars of the former royal palace here.

But a leading article in the Government-owned English-language newspaper *Ethiopian Herald* today called for "the application of brute force" against supporters of the government of the deposed emperor.

The paper blamed a series of bomb explosions near Addis Ababa airport and in the city centre on what it called followers of the obduracy, robbing hordes and assorted reactionary riff-raff.

The bombings have resulted in unprecedented security measures here.

The military regime tonight announced the arrest of two other former officials. They were named as Mr Makonnen Yehreyes and Major-General Bereket Gebre-Medhin, the former Commissioner of Police of Kaffa province.

# Amnesty is withdrawn

Manila, Dec 4.—President Marcos of the Philippines announced today, in what amounted to an abrupt change of heart, that he was no longer ready to grant an amnesty to Mr Sergio Osmeña, the Opposition leader, or other prominent figures accused of having plotted to assassinate the President.

Mr Marcos said in a statement that his Government intended to go ahead with the trial of political prisoners accused of having taken part in the plot, including Mr Sergio Osmeña, the son of Mr Sergio Osmeña, and Mr Eugenio Lopez, the former newspaper publisher, both of whom have been in prison in Manila for the past two years. Mr Sergio Osmeña is in the United States.

Two days ago it was announced that Mr Marcos was considering granting presidential clemency or amnesty to Mr Osmeña and to others allegedly linked with the plot, including Mr Sergio Osmeña and Mr Lopez.—Agence France Presse.

# Uproar in Parliament over Indian licences scandal

From Our Own Correspondent  
Delhi, Dec 4

Proceedings in the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of the Indian Parliament, were adjourned amid uproar today after furious but inconclusive debate on the import licences allegedly issued to south Indian businessmen on the recommendation of 21 Congress MPs.

In similar scenes yesterday in the Lok Sabha, the Lower Chamber, the Government was vociferously urged by Opposition parties to place before the House a copy of the report of an inquiry conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Ministers refused to make the report available, arguing that it was "contrary to known practice" and would be "injurious to the public interest" to make public "a confidential and sensitive document".

The Opposition parties want access to the CBI report so as to judge whether the import licence allegations warrant inquiry by a special parliamentary committee.

The inference drawn by many from the Government's reluctance to comply is that the report may contain matter embarrassing to senior members of Mrs Gandhi's Congress Party.

So far, only one Congress MP has admitted signing the recommendation for the grant of the licences, and his case is under investigation. The other 20 maintain that their signatures were forged. Large bribes are alleged to have been paid for the signatures.

# Growing pressure on Lima regime

From Our Correspondent  
Lima, Peru, Dec 4

Next week's celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of Spanish American independence, will be staged here against a background of mounting tension over the future of President Juan Velasco's radical military Government.

Newspaper's yesterday reported an assassination attempt last Sunday on the lives of General Edgardo Mercado Jarrin, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Fisheries.

According to official reports they were shot at from a passing car. Neither was seriously wounded.

The attempts are thought to be the latest in a series of right-wing manoeuvres directed against the Government, aimed at forcing President Velasco to adopt a centrist position or failing that, at encouraging conservatives both within and outside the armed forces to make a stand.

As for the celebrations themselves, President Velasco originally invited seven hispanic heads of government to Peru for the occasion. Only four, however, are definitely coming—from Chile, Bolivia, Venezuela and Panama.

When the heads of state gathering was proposed early this year, observers agreed it represented a call for increased independence in South America by the most radical president in the region outside Cuba.

Official sources said Peru hoped that, with the presence of Juan Domingo Peron, it would be possible to lay the foundations for a possible progressive alternative to the right-wing domination of Brazil. But since General Peron's death, it has not been clear what support Argentina is able to give to Peru's original proposal.

Meanwhile, the forces of the right have grown stronger. Peru has seen its neighbours, Brazil, Bolivia and Chile draw closer together, while its own links with Venezuela, Panama and Argentina have remained ill-defined.

At the same time, tension between Peru and Chile has increased because of the presence in Santiago of right-wing military rulers ideologically opposed to all that Peru's present military rulers stand for.

Combined, these developments have affected the emphasis of next week's meeting. What promised to be a drive for increased independence is now seen by Peru's leaders as a crucial opportunity for reconciliation with neighbouring states.

# 1,100 students in court after protests

Kuala Lumpur, Dec 4.—Riot police fired more than 400 rounds of tear gas today to stop students from moving out of their campus for a second day of anti-Government demonstrations.

Policemen outside the University of Malaya campus fired tear gas for six hours at 400 students.

Meanwhile more than 1,100 students arrested in yesterday's demonstrations were charged in court with unlawful assembly. They all pleaded not guilty and were freed on bail of \$M200 (£36) each.

The students are demanding Government action to help owners of small rubber plantations. They say some of these smallholders are starving because of the low price of rubber.

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Dr Sakharov attacks Shtern trial as Russian provocation

Moscow, Dec 4.—Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet physicist and dissident, in a statement circulated to reporters today appealed for support for Dr Mikhail Shtern, a Jew, whose forthcoming trial, he said, was an antisemitic provocation. Dr Sakharov said that the charges against Dr Shtern were medically, ethically and legally unfounded. Dr Shtern, who is 56, is reported to have been held in prison since May in Vionitsa in the Ukraine, awaiting trial on charges of taking bribes and swindling. His trial is to begin on Tuesday. "I maintain that the case against Shtern is a provocation by the authorities aimed at arousing national dissension and at frightening Jews who want to leave the country", Dr Sakharov said. "I hope that honest people all over the world will do all they can to defend Dr Shtern and expose today's antisemitic provocations." He added that the Shtern case violated principles reportedly included in a recent agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union granting the latter easier trade in exchange for increased emigration. The police had arrested Dr Shtern only after he refused to withdraw permission for his son's application to emigrate. Nearly all of Dr Shtern's patients over the past 25 years, numbering about 2,000, had been questioned by investigators who tried to convince them that their former doctor was a Zionist agent and a poisoner of Soviet children. The reference to poisoning went back to 1961 when an article appeared in a newspaper accusing Dr Shtern of killing a girl called Belinskaya, who Dr Sakharov said, was still alive. In spite of "the strongest pressure" most of those interviewed had refused to testify against Dr Shtern. A group of Soviet non-conformist artists have turned

down an offer by the Moscow city authorities to show their works at an officially sanctioned exhibition later this month, one of the artists said today. On the other hand a spokesman for the Leningrad city council told reporters by telephone that a similar exhibition would go ahead there this month. A number of the artists hoping to exhibit in Leningrad, and many of those who were invited to exhibit in Moscow, had taken part in an open-air exhibition in mid-September, which was broken up by bulldozers, and in a successful one two weeks later in a Moscow park. Oskar Rabin, a Moscow artist, said today that he and his colleagues had rejected the council's offer of a December exhibition because they feared that it could lead to further repression. Many of those who had showed works in September had since been subjected to harassment and intimidation, including conscription into the Army and internment in mental hospitals. Next year they planned to take their canvases into the open and choose their own site for a display, Mr Rabin said. The spokesman for the Leningrad council's Department of Fine Art said that a four-day indoor show would probably begin on December 22, and include about 120 paintings by artists who did not belong to the official Artists' Union. They would include Yevgeny Rukhin and Yuri Zharkikh, both doing abstract work.—Reuter. Peter Strafford writes from New York: The Reinhold Niebuhr prize of the University of Chicago has been awarded jointly to Dr Sakharov and the Rev Beyers Naude, the former head of the Reformed Church of South Africa and opponent of apartheid.

Cosmonauts practise link-up orbit

Moscow, Dec 4.—The two Soviet cosmonauts have steered their Soyuz 16 spacecraft into the kind of orbit in which Russian and American spaceships will link up next year. Colonel Anatoli Filipchenko and Mr Nikolai Rukavishnikov, the engineer, yesterday fired guidance motors to put them on a flight path 155 miles above the Earth, Pravda said. It was part of an effort to dovetail Soviet and American spaceflight programmes for next July's joint mission. At this distance above the Earth, three American astronauts, in an Apollo spacecraft plan to home in on their Soviet counterparts, and dock for two days of shared experiments. Tass said the two men were feeling fine today. There was no indication whether they had practised the docking phase of next year's venture. The Soyuz 16 mission is a trial run for the Apollo-Soyuz project and Colonel Filipchenko indicated before the launch that they would eject a mock-up of Apollo's docking mechanism and then practise linking up to it. According to Soviet newspaper reports from the ground control centre near Moscow, scientists on Earth are simulating the Apollo flight. The mock go-ahead for an Apollo launch was given yesterday, and a special section on an electronic sign in the control room says: "Apollo activated." Pictures of the display panel published in the press show ground tracking stations, including American centres, following Soyuz 16. On the Soviet side tracking facilities off Newfoundland and Cuba keep permanent contact with the cosmonauts. Meanwhile, Tass published details of the kind of food that awaits the three Americans on their orbital visit to the Russians. After a choice of national Soviet soups, they can try veal, chicken and sausage, followed by prunes and nuts.—Reuter.

Former minister 'beaten' by Pakistan police

Rawalpindi, Dec 4 Mr J. A. Rahim, a former Cabinet minister in Parliament today accused Mr Abdul Qayyum Khan, the Minister of the Interior, of having made a misstatement in the National Assembly about an incident in which Mr Rahim claimed he had been beaten by a police officer. Mr Rahim, once the Prime Minister, and still the secretary-general of the ruling People's Party, was dismissed from the Cabinet on August 3 for alleged misbehaviour. Mr Rahim said that he had been beaten by the Prime Minister's chief security officer

Bitter-sweet Soviet view of Churchill

From Edmund Stevens Moscow, Dec 4 A bitter-sweet centennial tribute to Sir Winston Churchill is offered by Professor Vladimir Trukhanovsky, a specialist in British history and member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. Writing in Literaturnaya Gazeta, the organ of the Soviet Writers' Union, he acknowledges that Churchill was a "great statesman", whose many gifts and extraordinary working capacity and mastery of oratory brought him merited success in politics. But he adds, Churchill devoted his distinguished talents to an utterly hopeless cause. "Throughout his life he

battled to preserve what was passing away and against that to which the future belongs." Professor Trukhanovsky describes Sir Winston as a convinced imperialist and colonialist who sincerely believed that Britain was ordained by destiny, or the Almighty, to rule a colonial empire and to build her prosperity on the exploitation of 500 million colonial subjects. As Defence Secretary in the Lloyd George Cabinet he was an active organizer of military operations in Russia after the October Revolution, and prided himself on being the world's most consistent foe of communism for the next quarter of a century.

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## Historical Perspectives

lies in English Thought and Society in honour of J. H. Plumb, edited by Neil McKendrick (Penguin, 10 Bedford Sq., W.1, 3s)

From my history master school and my first department editor in Fleet Street, I have more genially and benevolently guided my intellectual 'apprenticeship' than J. H. Plumb, my Tutor, Supervisor and Director of Studies at Cambridge. More than any other distinguished standards of quality, unimpaired and sheerly unimpaired which hopefully come to inform the aspirations of reviewers as well as professional historians. For 25 years he has himself been a inheritor alike of Trevelyan's empathetic historical position and of Namier's 'toxic' tirelessness. Plumb's and speaks for the widest readership and audience, and my motto complaint, Neil McKendrick's Festive, honouring Plumb's eminent from the Chair of 'History of Cambridge, or that it comes too early

(though Plumb is only 63) but that it deliberately narrows its range to nine professional scholars of English history who have, at one time or another, been members of Plumb's College, Christ's. Their variety and distinction—five 'bold Chairs'—by no means exhausts the scholarly talent of the Plumb stable, and are remarkable by any standards, but they are presented too austere. There is an excess of science and not enough empathy.

Mr McKendrick himself kicks off with a revised version of the speech he made at Plumb's retirement dinner a year ago; this is spirited and acute, its conviviality surviving remarkably well into cold print. His own later essay is rather repetitive, but full of interest in reflecting a comparatively recent aspect of Plumb-inspired scholarship: the meticulous study, as pioneered in the great humanizing school of such French historians as Fernand (The Mediterranean) Braudel, of how men lived their lives, spent their money, saw out the seasons from day to day.

The idea that any social or economic benefit could accrue from the reviled and often monstrous employment of

female and child labour—even when there was as throughout the "first Industrial Revolution, a demonstrable shortage of men—is still shocking enough for historians to present it with caution and even apology, but that a small number of working class families were, through the employment of every member, so able to increase their spending power as to stimulate the growth of new industries like fashion, games, popular publishing, ornaments, decorations and what we should now call consumer goods, is convincingly suggested by Mr McKendrick.

The first piece in *Historical Perspectives* is by J. J. Scarisbrick, author of the outstanding *Henry VIII*. In writing about the exiled English Jesuit Robert Persons's *Memorial for the Reformation of England* (1596), one of the most influential and best books ever written, Scarisbrick uses the theme which sounds through the book: the use and abuse, the absolute necessity to write and rewrite, history. What mattered was not what happened or what had been said but what people thought had happened or had been said. The Jesuit's sophisticated and ruthless plan for the reeducation

of a Catholic England was never published here, but it remained a bogey to be shaken aloft by aggressive Protestants throughout the seventeenth century.

Fears of a Catholic re-quest were surpassed by the dark ambiguities of feeling roused by memories of Charles I's death and the Protectorate. Was it a national sin? History and moderns was overthrown more frantically pressed into service than in the long and nervous Whig Ascendancy following the removal of a second Stuart in the 1688 Revolution. This is of course the heartland of Plumb's historiography, and fitfully the subject of no fewer than three articles here. J. P. Kenyon shows how the debate as to what had actually happened in 1688 intensified by the death of Anne's heir in 1702, and essential to reshape the Revolution as the tool of a hopefully Hanoverian future. Had "resistance" been offered to James II? Had he abdicated? If so, had he broken the "contract" between him and his subjects? Did such a contract exist?

The nerves persisted beyond the accession of George I and the failure of the '15. Walpole

rose to power. G. V. Bennett suggests less on his wizardry than on the skill with which he exploited lingering fears of Jacobite rebellion to disgrace and eliminate his rivals. A later, more formidable adversary, the "patriot" Bolingbroke, unnerved the Whigs by reaffirming their beliefs and insisting that it was they themselves, and not his "severe opposition" who had betrayed the vital lessons of 1688: the evils of a standing royal army and of excluding the governed from the process of government, of denying them, in Macchiavelli's words, political rights. As history called up fear, so fear called up history.

In the most brilliant and teasingly argued piece in the whole collection Quentin Skinner takes the orthodox Namierite view of Bolingbroke's infamous ambition against the more vaguely philosophical one of recent anti-Namierites, and bangs their heads together by proving that Namier's approach was not so much true or untrue as logically invalid: the result is dry, but it is very exhilarating.

Apart from this, J. W. Burrow's is the best written

piece in the book: it is also the first one to remind us that for Plumb the writing of history is not merely a scientific discipline but a matter of literary sensibility. It does this by showing that the reaction of Maitland, Freeman, Stubbs and other historians of the late nineteenth century to the then-fashionable theory of an ideally "free" primitive Teutonic village community was conditioned not only by the national Zeitgeist but as much by their own highly sensible creative personalities. It is a marvellously felt piece. For the first time in *Historical Perspectives* we are empathetically in the presence of people who once lived as we live, and from there we pass quite naturally into the last piece of the collection, in which the literary sensibility, in this case Kipling's, is no longer even a vital sideline, but the very vessel of historical experience. In this case British India, itself, Stoker and Burrow supply the properly Plumbian elements of *Fest and Schrift* sometimes missing elsewhere and bring the book to a just and celebratory conclusion.

Michael Ratcliffe

## Lovers' quarrel

### G. Wells and Becca West

#### Gordon N. Ray

(Macmillan, £2.95)

Mr Eliot said, is most nearly in the air here and now. For H. G. Wells and Becca West, they ceased to be in 1946, with Wells's death. Their affair had ended more than 20 years before but they were still exercising a malign influence in a year after her marriage to Henry Maxwell Andrews, as she wrote to Wells about problems of their illegitimate son's schooling.

for the education business, I quite like your tone. (You've interfered with little in education so far because I trusted to your love for and pride in him.) Gammon and ah! You interfered very little as you couldn't be bothered. His hard-hitting letter (which

ended: "I know this... will offend you, and I grieve, for though I know you are a great humbug I also know you're a great man") is one of the bandful that survive. Wells destroyed the rest. She kept more than 800 of his letters, and she presented them to Yale University with the proviso that they should not be accessible until after her death. The proviso has been waived in Dr Gordon Ray's case. He doesn't say why. The book jacket refers to the publication of "inadequate and incorrect accounts of this period in her life" having led Dame Rebecca to change her mind. Which accounts? There is a lack here of bibliographical reference which may worry students and future biographers.

What the general reader can be sure of is that this book had Dame Rebecca's blessing and by and large her approval. She has seen several drafts. He seems meticulous in pointing out aspects of his interpretation with which she disagrees and tells us that "Her candour was absolute. As she approached 80, she remarked, 'her fair fame' was hardly an overriding consideration.

But I've been trying to work out what consideration was uppermost in Dr Ray's mind when he set about compiling the record, and what in general Dame Rebecca may have hoped he could achieve. An account through which might have glowed the "sheer helplessness in each other's company" and which he admits does not "sufficiently appear"? Frankly, I don't think it appears at all. One simply has to go on, as

before, assuming it, since little else but sheer (or intermittent) happiness could have made the squalid life of a mistress kept in back-street lodgings for 10 years supportable in a woman so proud, vital, mettlesome and intellectually so well-endowed.

One reason it doesn't appear is because her letters to Wells are forever lost. Of the two she, surely, was the more articulate? There are facts revealed here which are important to the future record. Grant that much. Grant too that the intention of the book is honourable. I suspect, though, that Dame Rebecca became more and more depressed as she read Dr Ray's successive attempts to set straight whatever record it is that has been bent. But having given her facilities, for whatever reason, she—of all people—would never have tried to withdraw them.

So they are book stuck with a result, which is—aggravates my dislike of Wells. And I know that this is unfair. One day someone will publish the entire canon of 800 letters, which she fondly, generously, preserved. Then, in a better light, since he destroyed hers, this book is at least a counter-balance to a possible later weighting of the scales in his favour. Why not? She's entitled to that.

I read and enjoyed this book as part of the canon of a lovers' quarrel. On that level lies its chief justification. I didn't think of Eliot until Dr Ray quoted Rebecca's letter to Wells's elder son's wife, when Wells was dead. "I loved him all my life and I would have had him if I could have had him. And then I thought what a poor substitute quotation is for eloquence.

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Basically Ambler gives us just an account of a coup in a Latin American country. But how cunningly he presents what might well have been a story which nothing in it really to which we begin, indeed, not with his imagined country (and that's so likely he almost had me reaching for the atlas) but in an island in the French Antilles where a cold-fish doctor, son of the former leader in that land, works quietly and conscientiously in the local hospital. Much of the book, in fact, stays in the island, but into the doctor's life there intrude first, the intriguingly enigmatic narrative and then, in need of medical attention, the leader of the coup-to-be.

So what holds us is the struggle in Doctor Frigo, as he is nicknamed, over acknowledged, over acknowledged, and we feel for him like a mother with a crippled son. But, above and beside this, Ambler builds up layers and richnesses of implication, all springing easily from the basic narrative and each not only creating that thick

and churning imaginary world but providing, as well as it were, so many different tilted mirrors to the human condition.

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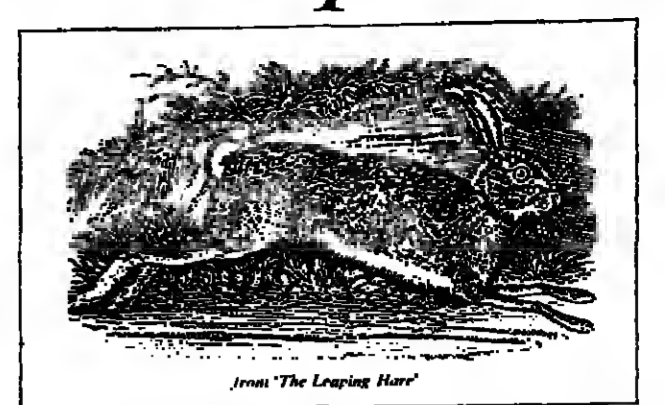
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Manner of Oxford's win makes long wait worthwhile

By Norman de Mesquita
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Ten years is a long time to have to wait for victory over the mid foe, but Oxford must feel that the manner of their win yesterday made the wait worthwhile.

unusual goal. Early in the game, Costello had hit the Cambridge crossbar with an inswinging corner from the right; this time he took one from the left, it eluded all the heads bobbing in the penalty area, and sailed straight into the net.

freshman who has appeared for Leicester City reserves and who could have a good footballing future. Cambridge had two excellent chances in the closing stages but it would have been an injustice had they managed to draw a game in which they were outplayed for so much of the time.

By Thomas Abernethy GS and St Edmund Hall, Captain, of Havant, M. Walker (Devonport HS and St. Edmund Hall), Captain, of Havant, M. Walker (Devonport HS and St. Edmund Hall), Captain, of Havant...

Liverpool are favourites to go back on top

The race for the first division championship is so close that Joe Coral, the bookmakers—are offering odds on which club will be top after next Saturday's game.

Hungary snatch victory from a penalty

Budapest, Dec 4.—Hungary beat Switzerland 1-0 in a drab international football match here today, the only goal coming from a penalty in the first half.

Mercer picks a squad of 18 players

Joe Mercer, Coventry City's general manager, yesterday announced a squad of 18 players to represent the West Midlands against an England XI at St Andrews, Birmingham, on Monday.

Yesterday's results

University 3 Cambridge 1 (11,000)
OTHER MATCH: St Edmund's, 3, Oymyakim 2.
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Hungary 1, Switzerland 0 (Romania).

Boxing Lovell may be banned from European contests

The European Boxing Union is to be advised to ban Alberto Lovell, Joe Bugner's opponent in Tuesday night's contest at the Royal Albert Hall, from boxing in Europe.

Hockey Cambridge are saved by their goalkeeper

By Sydney Friskin
Cambridge U 0 Guildford 0
Cambridge University and Guildford went into this London League hockey match at Fenner's yesterday resolved to give nothing away.

Rackets Tonbridge pair make a strong recovery

By Our Rackets Correspondent
The Tonbridge pair, Martin Smith and Richard Gracey, holders of the semi-final round of the Noel Bruce Cup for rackets at Queen's Club yesterday.

Tennis Metreveli makes impressive start in Australia

Addala, Dec 4.—Alex Metreveli, of the Soviet Union, one of the most successful overseas players on the Australian tennis circuit, made an impressive start to the South Australian championships today.

Motor racing Stommelen to join Hill in the Lola team

By John Blunsden
Two more grand prix teams have completed their driver line-up for 1975, and in each case it is bad news for a British driver who was injured during the past season.

Squash rackets New series of five sponsored tournaments

British Caledonian Airways is the Yellow Dot sportsware company are to sponsor a series of five professional squash tournaments from January.

Taylor may miss N Zealand Games

Blenheim, New Zealand, Dec 4.—Dick Taylor, the Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres gold medal winner, may miss the New Zealand Games in Christchurch, where he was expected to take on a 10,000 metres gold medal winner, Lasse Vire of Finland.—Reuter.

Advertisement for Littlewoods Pools Liverpool. Features 'TOP TREBLE CHANCE DIVIDEND FOR ONLY 21 PTS' and 'VERNONS POOLS LIVERPOOL WITH 21+ POINTS TWO TOP DIVIDEND WINNERS SHARE £205,903'.

Advertisement for 'CERTIFIED PPA DIVIDENDS' and 'LITTLEWOODS POOLS LIVERPOOL'. Includes details about dividend payments and pool games.

Rugby Union

Cotton out but 'not dropped' by Coventry

Fran Cotton, Coventry's British Lions and England prop forward, is not in the side to play Bradford in the first round of the national club competition at Coventry on Saturday.

Hertfordshire survive after Buckinghamshire recovery

Bucks 22 Herts 25
Hertfordshire just managed to withstand a rousing second-half rally by Buckinghamshire at Slough, respectively to win the southern group of the rugby championship.

Skiing Predictions go wrong in first downhill

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When only the size of victory was in doubt

From Paul MacWeeney
Dublin, Dec 4
Trinity College 12
Predictions were fulfilled thoroughly yesterday when the two universities of Dublin met.

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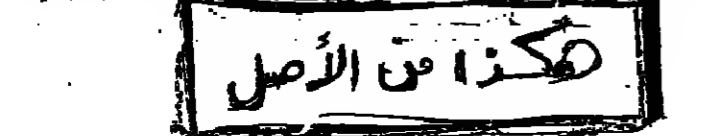
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PARLIAMENT, December 4, 1974

Government call on South Africa to withdraw from Namibia: port with apartheid repugnant

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and they will receive no official support or approval. The Government will continue to support the United Nations...

international territory and shall lend our support in the international community to help bring this about.

Mr Callaghan urged to visit Salisbury and Pretoria

MR BLAKER, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said...

On what he said about liberation movements, the use of organized violence is the proper way to liberate a country...

MR WELLBELOVED (Beckley, Erith and Crayford, Lab.) said...

MR CALLAGHAN—The experience of the last year or two does not bear out his view.

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab.)—His decision to accept the opinion of the International Court...

se serious note normal trade and investment remain free to carry out their normal business...

The Government has considered the advisory opinion concerning the legality of the Government's actions...

As regards Rhodesia, I set out in detail our policy which the House renewed the sanctions order...

Concuring policies MR BOTTOMLEY (Teesside, Middlesbrough, Lab.)—Bearing in mind that the Government...

MR CALLAGHAN—Yes, I have, but in the first place it seems to me much better to concern our people with the Government...

MR KERR (Hounslow, Feltham and Uxbridge, Lab.)—On Namibia, £10,000 is desirous considering the degree of deprivation...

MR CALLAGHAN—I will consider that, I have not personally gone into the sums of money being given but we are being squeezed pretty tight by an iron-fisted Chancellor...

MR HUGH FRASER (Stafford and Stone, C.)—I welcome his move possibly towards a visit to Pretoria...

Invested of entitlement under mandate

MR CALLAGHAN, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said...

in support of the legal effectiveness of the mandate and the obligations which it accepted by virtue of the mandate.

There was no prior finding under Article 39 of the charter to found a mandatory resolution within Chapter VII...

Fluid situation As regards Rhodesia, I set out in detail our policy which the House renewed the sanctions order...

MR CALLAGHAN—The normal practice will continue regarding trade with South Africa, namely that firms and companies will be allowed to trade...

MR RUSSELL JOHNSTON (Inverness, L.)—We welcome the statement and the approach which the Government has taken...

MR CALLAGHAN—I will weigh his opinion, I have no prejudice against apartheid or racism, but I do not think it will help to solve the cause I am seeking to solve.

MR GOW (Eastbourne, C.)—Many Conservatives hope that the spokesman of this country will disregard the advice he has given.

A personal interest in Criterion Theatre

MR FINSBERG (Hamstead, C) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to refer the Criterion Theatre to the Government Advisory Committee on theatres.

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Learning up the mess in new Palace yard

MR LIPTON (Lambeth, Cent.) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to advise on the progress of the work on the Palace Yard.

MR KAUFMAN (East Surrey, Manchest.)—I am sorry to hear that the work on the Palace Yard is not progressing as well as it should.

MR LIPTON—It looks as if it is trying to set up a fish pond or salt pans in the Palace Yard.

Highway code revision

MR BERRY (Enfield, Southgate, C) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to advise on the progress of the work on the Highway Code.

MR CARMICHAEL (Glasgow, Under Secy) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to advise on the progress of the work on the Highway Code.

MR HOWELL—Everyone I speak to on my road safety visits is concerned about the adequacy of the Highway Code.

MR BERRY—The Highway Code is a very important document and it is important that it is kept up to date.

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Football hooligans fear police dogs

MR MONTGOMERY (Dumfriesshire, C) asked the Secretary of State for the Home Office to advise on the progress of the work on football hooligans.

MR DENNIS ROBERTS (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab.)—I am concerned about the use of police dogs against football hooligans.

MR MONTGOMERY—The use of police dogs is a necessary measure to deal with football hooligans.

Parliamentary Notices

House of Lords Today at 2.30: Bill on the Environment (Continuation) Order.

House of Commons

MR BRYAN (Northampton, Conservative) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to advise on the progress of the work on the Environment.

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Rate relief suggestion

MR BEITH (Berwick upon Tweed, L) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment to advise on the progress of the work on rate relief.

MR SILKIN—I understand his point, but my difficulty is that I do not think that anything can be done at present administratively.

MR BEITH—The rate relief suggestion is a very important one and it is important that it is considered.

Fewer cars and more buses needed to ease congestion

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THE ARTS

Worldwide BBC2

Leonard Buckley "As I see it the networks are in show business but we are in broadcasting." This comment by the programme director of station KNXT in Los Angeles is recorded by Timothy Green in The Universal Eye, his book on world television in the Seventies. The remark was exemplified last night when the Worldwide programme brought us a selection of local American productions. It was underlined by the evident sense of responsibility with which the productions were conceived and the concern for people that pervaded them.

The Book Programme BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds When I heard that Stanley Middleton had won the Booker Prize for his novel The Holiday I felt a little like when a favourite cricketer makes defiant gestures at the Australian fast bowling and then goes on to score 110. Middleton has been making defiant gestures at the London literary scene for years, but here he is getting the equivalent of being picked for England, winning the only real book prize in the country.

Beginning of Romance Guildhall School

William Mann The gradual and steady surge of which interest in Janáček's music, especially his operas, has by now brought most of them to the stage in this country. His second opera, The Beginning of a Romance (perhaps Romance should be Novel, as printed on the tickets), is new here, and is not often performed, even in Czechoslovakia. Václav Tausky did conduct it there in his youth: now at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, he is in charge of the British premiere this week (last performance tomorrow).

LPO/Pritchard Festival Hall/Radio 3

Joan Chissell Deputizing on Tuesday for Sir Adrian Boult, John Pritchard began with Berlioz's overture, Les Francs Juges instead of Holst's The Perfect Fool. For the rest, the programme remained as promised, with Bruch's Scottish Fantasy for violin and orchestra as co-premiere. Naive as it may be, it was good to hear this old comforter again from an artist of Itzhak Perlman's calibre. The third movement, Andante sostenuto, based on the most winning as well as most authentic-sounding tune, responded particularly well to the love and care he lavished on its simple lyricism without in any sense overloading it.

Allegri Quartet Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie There are no programme notes for the Allegri Quartet's Mozart series; instead we have brief, apparently improvised, introductions to the music by the leader, Hugh McGuire. A charming notion, perhaps, but also a dangerous one. I do not simply mean that superficial remarks might make one expect superficial performances; Mr McGuire's eloquent enough as a musician to say a great deal more about Mozart than in a few minutes' chat. But, although he was properly reticent about the G minor quartet, he is disconcertingly told us that its finale is nothing but joyous in feeling; it can surely be heard as one of those Mozart movements full of baroque and expressive aspects of its emotional content not only inhibited the listener from per-

A mini-doc on the fading of the great American dream under inflation did offer a spurt of interest as it showed how die big advertisers are facing the change. There was an awful warning, too, from WTVJ, Miami, to any young Americans who might fancy oafarious adventure in the Caribbean. It showed you the forbidding stockade where Jamaica will put you if it finds you with a gun. It also showed you the island's clampdown on drugs. But as documentaries go these programmes were run-of-the-mill. The major item came from WBBM, Chicago. It was a film about rape and largely consisted of stereotypical interviews with victim, culprit, psychologist and others predictably concerned. It indicated social attitudes and emphasized points for reform.

The Book Programme BBC 2

Robert Robinson's The Book Programme for having him on Tuesday. But good lord! For a moment when I saw that glamorous award winner I feared Middleton might prove to be yet another trendy figure. No fear, he was straight out of Stanley Middleton, and when he did finally speak to the interview with Robinson, he said: "I'll tell you something about the title of my novel, but it's up to someone else to talk about the quality."

William Mann

There is a valid social interest in the tension set up when the lordling boy starts a flirtation with the peasant girl, thus upsetting both families and the destined sweethearts of both parties. The weakness lies in the hazy characterization of the noble folk, and the condensation of the tale into one act with much too tight a solution (even if it was the realistic solution). The peasant girl, most interesting and hazy the more enjoyable music, notably in the final ensemble, but also in the shepherd's long solo accusing his daughter of infidelity. Something strong could be made, and was half suggested in Dennis Anderson's production, of the interview between the anguished and embarrassed shepherd and the self-possessed but momentarily unnerved Baron.

Joan Chissell

Though Berlioz's overture is an early piece, there is already an outside imagination at work in it, not least as regards orchestration. But there is a touch of eccentricity there too, making it more than usually dependent on fine performance. This one was excellent in its boldness and urgency, and not just in the big tunes. Accompaniments throbbled too. The brass was full-toned and at one in the imposing introduction. The strange contrasts of rough woodwind and tuba make it have only recently flown in from San Francisco. The slow movement was even a bit too fast; at this speed it seemed almost jaunty, its climax less than catastrophic.

Allegri Quartet

ceiving its undertones but also warned him that the players had not perceived them. And so it proved; their reading was lightweight. In fact, much of their playing was lightweight in a sense. Their first movement had no true forte, no real rhythmic force. It had plenty of melancholy feeling, and a fine-drawn line from Mr McGuire; and the Adagio drew exquisite playing from the entire ensemble, with the sweetest and most refined of phrasing, the softest and gentlest of tone, the most delicate of nuance. It was never passionate, but was quietly elegant. All the playing, in fact, was so refined and urbane; the ensemble tone was beautifully smooth and even, the chording precise, the line always sharply. The music was never strongly characterized; I was surprised to find so little depth of commitment to the richly dissonant slow movement. It was, though, there was ample tenderness, and they barely touched on the range of feeling to that quartet's first movement.



Aian McNaughtan

Grand Manoeuvres National

Irving Wardle "When something is wrong within us, we seek the cause from without and before long we find it: it was the French who messed things up, it was the Yids, it was Wilhelm... Capitalism, the hoxeyman, the Masons, the syndicate and the Jesuits are all phantoms, but how they ease our anxieties!" Thus Chekhov writing on the Dreyfus case in 1893 while his wretched victim was lying manacled to his bed oo Devil's Island. If you think that a wise comment on the affair, you are not likely to be satisfied by A. E. Ellis's slow-by-slow dramatization of the story which does little more than add the French high command to Chekhov's list of malignant phantoms. Is that unfair? There was nothing illusory about War Minister Mercier and his zealous subordinates who brought in the first absurd court martial against Dreyfus and went on to get him reconvicted by military tribunal after the first sentence had been quashed by an Appeal Court.



Eberhard Buchner in Lysistrata

Splendid double for East Berlin

Every autumn West Berlin has its Festival Weeks and East Berlin, overlapping with them, its Festival Days. This year's eighteenth annual Festival Days became unusually gala for 1974 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the German Democratic Republic—a state which, soberly enough, has existed longer than the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich combined. For reasons of hard currency as well as solidarity, the Festival Days always attract a disproportionately large representation from the other socialist countries. This year once again, from the Soviet Union to Cuba, they turned up in force. At the head of the list stood the great old Kirov Theatre from Leningrad, which moved into the German State Opera on the Unter den Linden with four complete opera productions from the occasional Russian repertoire. The German State Opera itself offered one of the Festival Days' last premieres, a double bill combining Béla Bartók's ballet The Miraculous Mandarin with the first German production of Emil Petróvic's one-act opera Lysistrata. One went expecting the Bartók more or less to pad out the evening and not expecting too much from the locally-unknown Mr Petróvic. Instead one found the most impressive production of the Bartók to turn up in these parts in a long, long time, and a boisterous, jolly production made the Petróvic work a delight.

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in these days, the theatre has some claim to its old function as a Bible with pictures for those who cannot read. On those terms, Grand Manoeuvres ranks as a painstaking slog through the evidence, getting the facts across clearly if with no great finesse or invention. Mr Ellis enlists the aid of a narrator, a commissioned WO called Major Henry, who combines the role of loutish guide with that of middle-grade sycophant in the army's statistical section. From him, we learn of the humiliation of the Franco-Prussian war and the country's thirst for revenge. To confirm his words oo oatmeal suspicion a pack of informers in long cloaks and anachronistic hats perform a bit of pantomime. Then Ellis's slow-by-slow dramatization of the story which does little more than add the French high command to Chekhov's list of malignant phantoms. Is that unfair? There was nothing illusory about War Minister Mercier and his zealous subordinates who brought in the first absurd court martial against Dreyfus and went on to get him reconvicted by military tribunal after the first sentence had been quashed by an Appeal Court.



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One hears that the Poles in recent years have done extraordinary things in the way of theatrical decor. Krzysztof Pankiewicz's work for The Miraculous Mandarin makes such claims impressively credible. He and the choreographer Conrad Drzewiecki have jettisoned all but the essential situation and idea of Menyhárt Lengyel's original libretto, but since the fundamental psychological constellation of predator and victim remains the same, their innovation does not conflict with Bartók's blazing, baroque score. The three handits crouch and move like Tyranosaurus rex, with the girl (superbly danced by Monika Lubitz) their wishful, helpless creature. Sewer-pipes and rubbish make it almost excessively clear that we have come to a garbage-dump of human existence. Visual symbols and allusions invoke harpies and a crucifixion. The end of the work unites the girl and her vanquished suitor (Bernrd Dreyer, forceful and poetic)—not with a bang but a whimper. Werner Stoize conducted the Berlin State Orchestra in an incandescent performance. Lysistrata calls for only three solo singers: the title protagonist and the male and female leaders of the chorus. Otherwise the chorus carries the evening. And what a chorus! For this production the house has engaged the Berlin Radio Chorus, and they not only sing wonderfully well but with a precision of diction

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io captivity; we see him return broken with fever to the tribunal. Finally, with Mercier and co still in the saddle, we see him grudgingly exonerated and awarded the Legion of Honour, the figure of Major Esterhazy, who combines the role of loutish guide with that of middle-grade sycophant in the army's statistical section. From him, we learn of the humiliation of the Franco-Prussian war and the country's thirst for revenge. To confirm his words oo oatmeal suspicion a pack of informers in long cloaks and anachronistic hats perform a bit of pantomime. Then Ellis's slow-by-slow dramatization of the story which does little more than add the French high command to Chekhov's list of malignant phantoms. Is that unfair? There was nothing illusory about War Minister Mercier and his zealous subordinates who brought in the first absurd court martial against Dreyfus and went on to get him reconvicted by military tribunal after the first sentence had been quashed by an Appeal Court.



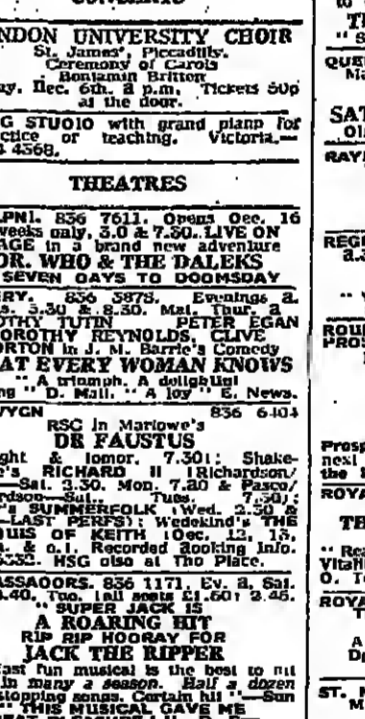
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which many solo singers might envy. The printed programme overlooked to say who had prepared them so well, but Wolf-Dieter Heuschild integrated them into the overall performance. Ludmila Dvorakova, whose powerful dramatic soprano voice plus youthful, slim good looks makes her an artist exceptionally blessed, seemed less than appropriately earthy in the title role, but the two chorus leaders, Brigitte Eisenschmidt and Eberhard Buchner, both of whom young and attractive and obviously full of sauce, provided the suitable Aristophanean bawdry. Mr Petróvic (born in 1930 and since 1960 musical director of Budapest's Petöfi Theatre) has written music which goes a bit beyond Kodály, with lots of quimpele and septuple rhythms and some polytonality but nothing really to cause anyone any serious trouble even at the first encounter. He aims at good, dirty fun, and he achieves it. András Mikó, in staging the work, has hinted at rather than portrayed the work's essential horniness, but the fairly furious pacing maintains the tension throughout, with some occasionally quite pungent low comedy. Halmer Hill's decor and Dietmar Seyffert's choreography, both of them praiseworthy, complete the credits. This double bill makes an unusually attractive addition to this house's repertory.

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backed with a tremendous classical arch, is built to house simultaneous actions and to project underwritten scenes oo the grand scale. Alfred Dreyfus addresses an appeal to the Pope; a back wall ascends, revealing the Pope framed in blackness in the wordless actio of tearing up the letter. Individual characterization plays small part in the collection of regional stereotypes. Mark Dignam's Mercier is a malign fox in pursuit of the hounds. Paul Rogers undergoes some delicious changes of accent when Henry acts his promotion. Aian MacNaughtan, with rigidly idealized heroic limits, expertly identifies Dreyfus's career from model soldier to eternal refugee. I enjoyed Peter Whitehead in one of the play's few imaginative scenes, following Esterhazy oo a moon-od to compose a portrait of Speranza turns out to be a heavily mustached member of the High Command voluptuously dragged up.



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Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

ENTERTAINMENTS

A large grid of theatre listings under the heading 'ENTERTAINMENTS'. It includes sections for 'THEATRES' and 'CINEMAS' with various showtimes and descriptions for plays like 'The Norman Conquests', 'The Good Companions', and 'The Dams of Saka'. It also lists cinema programmes for venues like 'The Picture Palace' and 'The Grand Theatre'.

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Problems for US-German Detente?

Amid laments for Britain's special relationship with the United States, people often forget about the special relationship the United States has had with West Germany since the war.

The unity of the 1950s was based on deep mutual attachment to immobility. Dr Adenauer and Mr Dulles got on well together because they shared a deep distrust of the Soviet Union and saw no way of changing the status quo.

Richard Davy

Defence: Government puts left foot forward

The struggle in the Labour Party between left and right over defence policy is a battleground over which the warring groups regularly trample. The Defence Review has to be read in that light as well as in the light of the perfectly legitimate need to cut Britain's military coat to fit the rapidly diminishing cloth that is available in the present economic plight of the nation.

Ronald Butt

decisions hard-headedly in the light of Britain's real defence interests—and who has a long history of willingness to stand up to the powers that are in the Labour Party in causes he thinks right.



Mr Roy Mason: The left accuses him of cutting too little, rather than too much

What we should lose, of course, would be the use of Simonstown as a place of rest, recreation and easy repair, and the opportunity for the South African navy to do some training with the Royal Navy.

What is more, to the extent that the Simonstown decision is given rationality by the ending of Britain's effective presence in the Indian Ocean—which the United States may or may not be able to make up—the question remains what will be the consequence in terms of the future alignment of neutral African states, of giving the Russian the opportunity of establishing that they now have a clear run in this area?

Bernard Levin

Definitely time to name the 'guilty men'

When, a fortnight ago, I declared war in this space against the grotesque, indefensible and regressive mispronunciation by radio and television newscasters, reporters and commentators, of the definite article before a consonant, I little knew what I was starting.

How Lord Reith's brainwave matured into a full-scale educational service

Educational broadcasting is the latest of the BBC's half-centuries. The continuities and contrasts within the story reflect more fundamental continuities and contrasts both in educational policy and in national history.

Butler had produced a new Education Act, and Richard Palmer had published the first comprehensive monograph on School Broadcasting in Britain. Throughout these crucial years the BBC had been a centre of initiative in relation not only to school but to adult education, although there was some doubt as to the proper terminology to use and where the borderlines really came between "educational" and "educative".

iss to plot future projects still arguing contentedly about scripts or no-scripts, talks or dramatization, and trained tutors versus group-leaders. As the television audience grew, however, there was more sense of threat than of challenge. Not everyone in authority had become reconciled to educational television, but even among those who had become genuinely enthusiastic there were many who could not reconcile themselves to educational viewing.

The less you can hear the more you'll listen. Most people aren't really interested in hearing about deafness. Until, one day, it happens to them. The activities of the RNID suddenly become rather important. And rather worrying.

Among the security measures London pubs are adopting against the threat of bomb attacks, one at least means the hearty disapproval of the police and fire authorities. Some pubs have been docking all but one of the entrances, so that a watch can be kept over customers coming in from anything they might be carrying.

The Times Diary. Wrong way to beat the bombers. The Café Royal, neighbours to Piccadilly Circus's blasted pillarbox, have closed one entrance to the Nichols Bar from Regent Street.

Purple prose. Prince Charles is running into trouble in New York over the quality of his English—"the Prince's English", as it is put. The New York Times published extracts from a speech he made about the monarchy in New South Wales.

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Common clay. Earlier this week, writing about the sculpture of gold, I suggested that it must be inhibiting to know that the material you work in will be worth more than your work on it.

Goodwill. My Christmas season began on Tuesday night with the first of the parties. It was given by Dermot Gallagher, press councillor at the Irish Embassy.

Turnerbot. The Tate Gallery's publication department has tampered with Turner's Old Chair, Brighton, for the purposes of the catalogue of the current exhibition at the Royal Academy, and some purists are furious.



Clout. Because last week's Labour Party Conference was held the cramped Central Hall Westminster, there were in efficient places for all the overseas observers who wanted attend. Assigning tickets was ticklish and perilous business.





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HOPE OF RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT

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WILL INFLATION ACCELERATE IN 1975?

Value of the National... Economic Review... inflation...

making a satisfactory return... inflation... 20 to 25 per cent...

The Government is, therefore... inflation... 1974-75...

Return of Archbishop Makarios

From Lord Caradon... Archbishop Makarios... Cyprus...

Exclusion of Israel from Unesco

From Sir Julian Huxley, FR.S... Israel... Unesco...

Treatment of dissidents

From Lord Oxford and Asquith... Israel... dissidents...

Regulating world food supplies

From Professor Asher Winegarten... world food... supplies...

Referendum on EEC

From Mr H. M. A. Cooper... EEC... referendum...

Break before university

From Sir John Maste... university... break...

Clergy stipends

From the Reverend D. B. Webb... clergy stipends... 1973...

Air routes and noise

From Mr G. L. Wicks... air routes... noise...

English wine

From Mr Ian Piper... English wine... quality...

Defining a thriller

From Mr Jocelyn Davey... thriller... definition...

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John Brown National Economic Investment Office has been to make an immediate... solutions to the more intricate general investment problems...

Inflation rate of 7 pc forecast for America

From Frank Vogt Washington, Dec 4 Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the council of economic advisers, forecast today that the United States inflation rate...

Three ships ordered at Harland cancelled

By Business News Staff British shipbuilding received a serious setback last night when Harland and Wolff of Belfast announced that orders for nearly one million tons of tanker tonnage placed with the yard...

Slump in sugar prices may cost French trader as much as £16m

By John Woodland Last night which could be as much as £16m has been incurred by Mr Maurice Naaf, a French sugar operator...

BSC must announce price rise in fortnight

By Peter Hill Steel price increases will have to be announced by the British Steel Corporation within the next two weeks to meet its obligations under the rules of the European Coal and Steel Community...

2m funding in new K property deals

Financial Staff evidence of renewed in the commercial market came yesterday when the ovens that Samuelies has arranged a funding operation, covering the whole of its Kingdom development...

Mercantile Credit profit cut to £3.4m

Pre-tax profits of Mercantile Credit, the banking, instalment credit and finance group, fell from £12.8m to £3.4m in the year to September 30...

Go-ahead for 10,000 now idle in Belgian bank merger

Brussels, Dec 4.—Merger plans of Banque de Bruxelles and Banque Lambert have been approved by the Belgian Government and the country's Banking Commission...

10,000 now idle in Midland car disputes

By R. W. Shakespeare Nearly 10,000 workers are idle because of labour disputes in the Midlands vehicle industry...

Report on Lever statement in Iran 'misleading'

From AH Reza Jahan-Shahi Teheran, Dec 4 Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, left Teheran today after a short visit to Iran...

More French loans likely for industry

From Richard Wigg Paris, December 4 President Giscard d'Estaing indicated today that the French Government is prepared to inject public money into other industries affected by the economic downturn...

London Brick defends price rise application

London Brick, which makes more than 40 per cent of the country's bricks, last night defended its application to the Price Commission for a substantial price increase from early January...

Court Line offshoot made profit before liquidation

Court Travel, a subsidiary of the Court Line group, made a substantial profit during its last trading period, a London creditors meeting was told yesterday...

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### 36pc rise in exports by UK motor industry

By Clifford Wehb  
Britain's motor industry is pulling further ahead in its efforts to restrict imports and at the same time step up its export drive.

Latest figures issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that exports in October were 36 per cent higher than a year earlier while imports had risen by only 5 per cent.

The £105m balance in Britain's favour for October was 76 per cent higher than in October, 1973, and for the first 10 months of the year was £365m up—a 32 per cent improvement.

Commercial vehicle imports continue to show a worrying increase and are 93 per cent up on a year ago. To some extent this reflects the big effort now being made here by the large number of foreign truck manufacturers, who must provide their newly acquired dealers with sufficient stocks to offer better deliveries than United Kingdom manufacturers.

### Midlands plea to Mr Wilson

West Midlands Economic Planning Council has appealed to the Prime Minister for the second time in the past few weeks for action to prevent the country's industrial heartland from becoming a depressed area.

Mr Eric Quinton Hazell, council chairman, has written to Mr Wilson saying that the West Midlands concentration on manufacturing industry had a dangerously narrow base.

## Takeaway meals share of catering trade now put at £100m a year

By Patricia Tisdall

Evidence that take away meals account for a bigger share of British catering sales than had previously been generally thought is contained in a new government survey of the nation's eating out habits.

The survey, the first of its kind, will be produced by the National Economic Development Office on a quarterly basis and as data build up, is intended to show how catering trends change.

Meanwhile it offers the 20 initial subscribers, which include the nation's biggest restaurant and hotel groups as well as specialist publications like Catering Times, the first comprehensive breakdown of the market they serve.

Preliminary results out today

have already thrown up some surprises. Previously the best estimate of take away food establishments' collective sales was of the order of £23m to £25m a year.

The NEDC study, which is taken from the standpoint of where people buy their food rather than from catering establishments' returns, indicates a market size of nearer £100m a year.

The NEDO findings confirm the interest shown by large organizations such as J. Lyons, Associated Fisheries, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Associated Newspapers, and others in take away food during the past five years.

A spokesman for Kentucky Fried Chicken, which claims to be the largest chain specializing exclusively in take away food,

said the NEDO survey endorsed their own conclusions that the market was larger than was popularly appreciated.

The survey estimates the total catering market to be running at an annual rate of £4,800m. Of this, personal meals, excluding alcoholic drinks, account for £1,076m and non-alcoholic drinks without food for £326m.

Overall, the survey shows that some 21 million people in Britain aged 11 years and over eat out at least once a week. They consume 78 million meals and snacks each week and spend £21m with an average expenditure on each occasion which includes single cups of coffee and soft drinks of 27p.

"Trends in Catering", Hotels and Catering EDC, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4JX, annual subscription of £35.

### WHERE BRITONS EAT OUT

Commercial	Take-away	Club	Hotel	Hamburger type	Store restaurant	Pub/pub rest	Cafeterias/ snack bars	Steak houses	Others								
25.2	10.3	8.1	3.2	4.1	1.9	17.4	21.9	2.6	16.4								
Place of work	31.5	17.7	Educational ests	17.8	9.3	Hospitals/ nursing homes	1.4	0.4	All purely commercial	70.3	71.3	All Party commercial	34.6	18.9	All Non-commercial	19.4	9.7

Source: National Economic Development Office Trends in Catering Study. Figures are not total but based on respondents used more than one type of catering establishment.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Intricacies of the new Price Code

From Professor Samuel Eilon

Sir, The new Price Code is yet another example of the most complicated web of rules and regulations imposed by Government on industry. It would take a relatively intelligent manager many days to wrestle with the new Code, and even after an intensive course of study it is doubtful whether he would fully grasp its numerous intricacies.

Not that for all its 186 paragraphs and many gallant definitions the Code becomes less ambiguous. For example, Section 32 requires that "the benefits of increased productivity are passed on to the consumer".

It is hoped that Talisman, which is intended to centralize all accounts spread over transfers of stock certificates and changes in company share registers will become fully operational in two or three years' time.

### Erosion of portfolio investments

From Mr S. W. Duggan

Sir, Your Financial Editor's remarks (November 29) on the subject of "bed and breakfast" fail to emphasize the fact that any loss established in this way is a potential taxable profit for the future.

Clearly, one cannot comment on a specific case without a full knowledge of the facts, but I would not wish your readers to form the impression that the banking industry as a whole was unsympathetic to the needs of the small business.

Since the value of ordinary shares in real terms is now little more than a quarter of the level of 2 1/2 years ago (and falling at 20 per cent per annum merely through inflation), the present accumulation of capital gains is becoming increasingly ludicrous.

Now that the Government have gone some way towards alleviating the effects of inflation on companies it seems churlish not to recognize that portfolio investments suffer equally devastating erosion.

### Heat pumps as fuel savers

From Professor N. Kurti

Sir, As one of your correspondents (November 19) on heat pumps, may I reassure Mr Stobart (November 27) that neither I nor probably your other correspondents are under a misapprehension of the efficiency of a heat pump as a fuel saver.

My point is that if one uses electricity a heat pump is about three times more efficient than Joule heating.

It is important to realize that (a), something like 15 per cent of our total electricity output is sold to domestic consumers for heating and (b), whole-house heating by unrestricted use of electricity—as contrasted with night storage heaters—is being encouraged by the South of Scotland Electricity Board and several area boards.

I hope that Mr Stobart will agree with me that heat pumps should be seriously considered at least as a short-term remedy for the inefficient use of electricity until Professor J. M. Cassels's cogently and convincingly argued scheme for combined generating and district heating stations is put into effect.

Yours faithfully,  
N. KURTI,  
Physics department,  
Clarendon Laboratory,  
Oxford University.

### Self-employed

From Mr C. L. Bethune

Sir, You have recently given an airing to an unattractive runner: Self-employed White, by ignorance out of Prickly Individualism.

I calculate that the maximum social security contribution for an employed person in the year starting April 6, 1975, will be £502.32 and for a self-employed person it is £285.32.

Although one is over 76 per cent higher than the other, I doubt whether a self-employed man draws 76 per cent more benefit than a self-employed man with the same earnings pattern.

If this is so, the self-employed are lucky on three counts—lower contributions, proportionate better benefits, and independence!

## Workers press case for HS 146

By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent  
Shop stewards representing workers on the HS146 airliner at a number of Hawker Siddeley factories stepped up their lobbying in London yesterday in an effort to save the project.

HS has said that it wishes to withdraw from its half of the project—the Government is to put up the other half of the development funds.

Last night union representatives put their case for continuation to about 150 MPs. The shops stewards were confident that the Government is in make a decision at Cabinet level on the future of the 146 before Parliament rises for Christmas.

They told MPs and others on their lobbying programme that their best information is that at a selling price of £5m each, the 70-100-seater airliner would be bought by airlines all over the world in an initial quantity of at least 100.

The delegation also emphasized on MPs the importance of an early order for the 146 by British Airways. They produced a memorandum from Mr David Nicolson chairman of the state airline, to his senior staff dated in October.

This indicated that the 100-seater version of the 146 emerged as "possibly the most promising choice" for British Airways' type of operation.

BA would need replacements from about 1977-78 for 35 Viscount prop-jet airliners, and the 146 was one of a number of jet aircraft which they had evaluated as possible successors.

## Potato growers 'need higher guarantees'

By Hugh Clayton

Potato growers will need an extra 22 per cent on their guaranteed price next year if a "crippling shortage" is to be avoided, Mr C. S. Cranham, chairman of the Potato Marketing Board said yesterday.

He told the board's annual meeting in London that market prices were now about £24 a ton, or 56 a ton higher than a year ago. But 37,000 acres of this year's harvest had still to be lifted and because of the wet weather, many fields would probably be untouched until spring.

"The growers' profits are still in the ground", Mr Cranham said.

Although the board did not take part in growers' talks with

the Government about price rises, it had to ensure that farmers were encouraged to produce enough. Future production was threatened by the attractions of more lucrative crops.

"There is a vital need to safeguard next year's acreage and next year's supplies, for nothing could be more disastrous for the cost of living or for this industry than for this country to become dependent on imports of potatoes", Mr Cranham said.

Oil subsidy plea: Glasshouse producers of salad vegetables would have to cut output or raise prices if the Government persisted in its plan to drop the subsidy on glasshouse heating oil, Mr Ronald Fourcres, chairman of the glasshouse produce committee of the National Farmers' Union, said yesterday.

## EEC ban on price pact by ball-bearing companies

From David Cross

Brussels, Dec 4

A tough stand is being taken by the European Commission against private deals drawn up between Community producers and overseas exporters and designed to limit the growth of export sales to the EEC.

In an important anti-trust decision announced in Brussels today, the Commission has banned a price-fixing arrangement between French and Japanese ball-bearing manufacturers.

According to the Commission's anti-trust experts, Japanese producers agreed to put up the prices of their exports to the levels prescribed by French firms. They also promised to keep a check on any abnormal increases of Japanese ball-bearing exports to the French market.

The companies cited are SKP Compagnie d'Applications Mécaniques and SNR Société Nouvelle de Roulements, of France, and NSK Nippon Seiko, Kaisha, Koyo Seiko, Fujikoshi and Toyo Bearing Co of Japan.

## McKinsey backs SE's Talisman

By Our Financial Staff

An independent survey commissioned by the Stock Exchange Council into Talisman, the new settlement system, has concluded that savings to members may fall short of the original estimate of an overall £4m a year.

Nevertheless the survey, conducted by McKinsey as the first phase of an investigation of all future spending by the Exchange recommends that development of the system continue, even at the lower level of savings, and even if equity turnover remains depressed during the period of development.

It is hoped that Talisman, which is intended to centralize all accounts spread over transfers of stock certificates and changes in company share registers will become fully operational in two or three years' time.

When first proposed in 1972, the cost of the new system was put at £10m spread over three years. McKinsey was asked in August to review the economics of Talisman in the light of the slump in market turnover.

It is understood that the original estimates, after allowing for inflation, are considered still valid.

The report, to be presented to members on December 17, assumes both the most optimistic and the most pessimistic trends in market conditions—postulating a fall in daily bargains to 7,000 (against around 10,000 daily at present) or a recovery to the totals of 20,000 recorded at the peak.

## European sugar levy may cut food exports

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

British exports of sugar-based foods could be cut by a quarter to £75m a year by an EEC levy due to start in 10 days, Sir Alex Alexander, president of the British Food Export Council, said yesterday.

"Member governments felt obliged to bow to the European Commission's pressure a fortnight ago and agree to the introduction of an export levy", he said at the council's annual lunch in London.

"It will make the cost of sugar for the exporters who use it much higher than the cost to manufacturers in the export markets to which we sell in Britain we already pay more for our sugar than our partners elsewhere in the Community."

Mr Fred Peart, Minister of Agriculture, said the Commission had pressed for the levy because excessive exports of sugar from the Community would have to be replaced by imports from the expensive free market.

## Ports takeover plan criticized

Government proposals for the reorganization of Britain's ports industry would do nothing to improve its efficiency, and in some cases would cause harm.

This warning was given yesterday by the British Ports Association and the National Association of Port Employers in a submission to the Government on proposals to take the ports into public ownership and exercise control over their activities.


In a detailed reply to the Government, the organizations stated that the proposals would do nothing to assist the industry in attracting and retaining good managers, nor would they provide the environment in which there would be real scope for individual drive and initiative.

"Furthermore, the real improvement which the industry has made by its own efforts since 1969, particularly in its financial performance, does not appear to have been taken into account in the formulation of the proposals", the organizations said.

## Shirtmakers call for imports curb

Shirt manufacturers claimed yesterday that the profitability of the industry could be threatened if imports from low-cost producing countries continued to expand next year at the same rate as in 1974.

The Shirt Manufacturers Federation accused the Government of "shattering indifference to the industry's situation and pointed out that over the first nine months of this year imports from low-cost producing countries had risen 17 per cent.

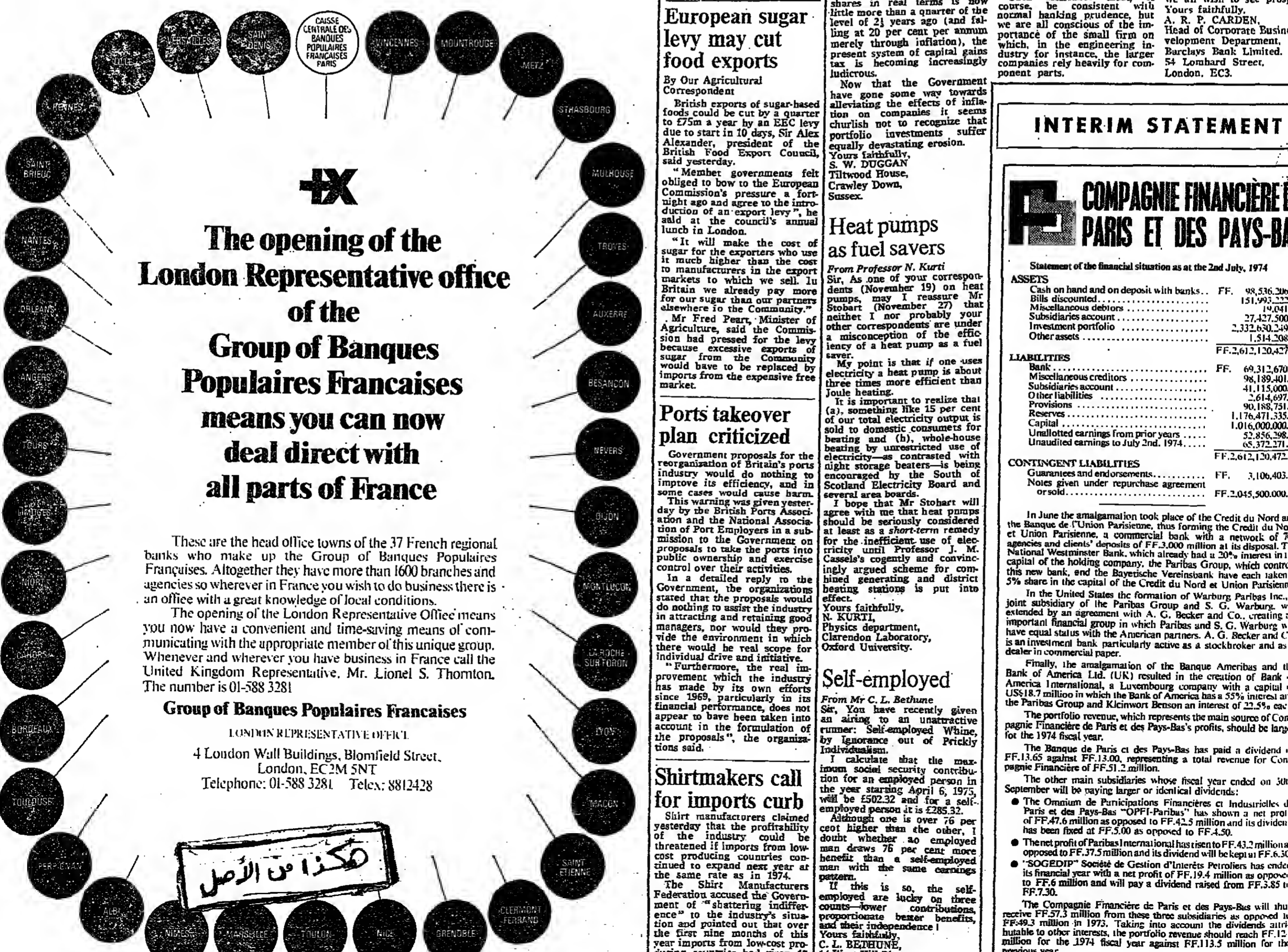


## The opening of the London Representative office of the Group of Banques Populaires Françaises means you can now deal direct with all parts of France

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### INTERIM STATEMENT

## COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE DE PARIS ET DES PAYS-BAS

Statement of the financial situation as at the 2nd July, 1974

ASSETS	FF	FF
Cash on hand and on deposit with banks	98,536,206	
Bills discounted	151,993,222	
Miscellaneous debtors	19,041	
Subsidiaries account	27,427,500	
Investment portfolio	2,332,630,249	
Other assets	1,514,268	
	FF 2,612,120,427	
LIABILITIES	FF	FF
Bank	69,312,670	
Miscellaneous creditors	98,189,401	
Subsidiaries account	41,115,000	
Other liabilities	2,614,697	
Provisions	90,188,731	
Reserves	1,176,471,335	
Capital	1,016,000,000	
Unallocated earnings from prior years	52,856,298	
Unaudited earnings to July 2nd, 1974	68,372,172	
	FF 2,612,120,427	
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	FF	FF
Guarantees and endorsements	3,106,403	
Notes given under repurchase agreement or sold	2,045,500,000	

In June the amalgamation took place of the Credit du Nord et de la Banque de l'Union Parisienne, thus forming the Credit du Nord et de l'Union Parisienne, a commercial bank with a network of 7 agencies and clients' deposits of FF 3,000 million at its disposal. The National Westminster Bank, which already had a 20% interest in the Paribas Group, which the Paribas Group, which controls this new bank, and the Bayerische Vereinsbank have each taken 5% share in the capital of the Credit du Nord et Union Parisienne.

In the United States the formation of Warburg Paribas Inc., joint subsidiary of the Paribas Group and S. G. Warburg & Co. extended by an agreement with A. G. Becker and Co., creating an important financial group in which Paribas and S. G. Warburg & Co. have equal status with the American partners. A. G. Becker and Co. is an investment bank particularly active as a stockbroker and as dealer in commercial paper.

Finally, the amalgamation of the Banque Americarab and the Bank of America Ltd. (UK) resulted in the creation of Bank of America International, a Luxembourg company with a capital of US\$18.7 million in which the Bank of America has a 55% interest and the Paribas Group and Kleinwort Benson an interest of 22.5% each.

The portfolio revenue, which represents the main source of Compagnie Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas's profits, should be large for the 1974 fiscal year.

The Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas has paid a dividend of FF 13.65 against FF 13.00, representing a total revenue for Compagnie Financière de FF 51.2 million.

The other main subsidiaries whose fiscal year ended on 30th September will be paying larger or identical dividends:

- The Omnium de Participations Financières et Industrielles de Paris et des Pays-Bas "OPFI-Paribas" has shown a net profit of FF 47.6 million as opposed to FF 42.5 million and its dividend has been fixed at FF 5.00 as opposed to FF 4.50.
- The net profit of Paribas International has risen to FF 43.2 million as opposed to FF 37.5 million and its dividend will be kept at FF 6.30.
- "SOGEDIP" Société de Gestion d'Intérêts Pétroliers has ended its financial year with a net profit of FF 19.4 million as opposed to FF 6 million and will pay a dividend raised from FF 3.85 to FF 7.50.

The Compagnie Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas will thus receive FF 51.2 million from these three subsidiaries as opposed to FF 49.3 million in 1973. Taking into account the dividends attributable to other interests, the portfolio revenue should reach FF 12 million for the 1974 fiscal year against FF 113.5 million for the previous year.



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Mercantile removes the yield prop

expected Mercantile figures to make other reading but, if any, a full year operating at £5.9m (after interest up from £3.5m) was slightly better than expected. What really d, however, was whether could be a token final there is not—od group would have to provisions and access as provisions go, the line is that all port have been carefully d and that the normal provisions, while than usual, can be no classified as exceptional. t not be enough to some given that around of total loans are property related, but it least support the genew that the Mercantile is of above average. As far as disclosed, no provisions go, there al of £3.5m, directly tied group's direct interests perty development. For ord, that knocks profits of £3.3m at the pre-tax while a decision not to maximum tax relief this certain areas—largely for of capital allow certain of the leasing ies—pushes the overall arge up to 61 per cent. re there is a below-the-bit debit of £2.1m, reflect- and unutilized investment. s of access to funds, tials makes no secret of at that it has suffered loss of funds, but not, sly, on a scale to be g. Cash balances have, come down from £98m a, while there is, as one expect, something of a towards loans and accep- from other banks (up 56m to £78m) in an over- sion total that has con- from £407m to £380m. re Mercantile shares go ere is anyone's guess now he yield prop, which 1.17p on the basis of the 1. payment—has been ad. True new business is eing taken on a more le basis, but there is with to talk about at the in most areas, while ming of any significance. Interest rates are still ing of a modest 7.5%, given a capitalization, 1 just over £20m (includ- convertible), could be tude of the major share, s, namely Barclays and arcial Union.

1973/74 (1972/73) dization £13.5m x profits £3.39m (£12.8m) x pre-tax profits £3.77m (£0.79m) x pre-tax profits £3.77m (£0.79m) x dividend gross 0.43p (0.35p)

## P & O Helping

The market was rather non-plussed by P & O's unheralded forecast of an 18 per cent rise in the dividend yesterday, but it served to push the share price up to 64p—prospective yield is thus 11½ per cent—and reinforce expectations of a good increase to profits when the preliminary figures are released in a few months. Pre-tax profits of £12.8m at the interim stage was clearly above the most optimistic market projections, but arguably by the time the second half figures are known a deepening recession in world trade may sour the reception.

## Coalite Balance sheet muscle

At the moment Coalite and Chemically's balance sheet is apparently strong. Its management is conservative, its plant is largely new, and the level of demand for its products has been very high indeed—even if the 56.4 per cent increase in sales for the six months to end-September was partly attributable to more realistic prices for oils (ie. its own by-products) and chemicals. So did the first-half performance with euphoria? It did not; the shares put on 1p to 10p, where they are capitalized at less than 3.3 times potential earnings for the year to end-March, assuming nothing better than repeat first-half performance in the seasonally better second six months.

Coalite's recent profits record has, of course, been feeble. But it is not doubts about the group itself, but about the trading con-

## Reliant Motor Standard's baby

Two questions must be asked about Reliant Motor, now 77 per cent owned by Standard Chartered Bank, after its takeover of the Hodges Group, and both are provisionally answered by what happened yesterday. The shares slipped a halfpenny to 5p, the year's low, when the figures for the half year to August 31 were published. Earlier this year they were 14½p.

Will Reliant ever return to the sort of pre-tax profit made in the year to October, 1973 (£450,000) and so merit investment to expansion? And at what price if any will Standard sell Reliant, or bits and pieces of it?

In the half year the Robin three-wheelers and Scimitars just made money with Hodgkinson Benais, Press Operations and Smiths Forgings doing as well as could be expected. It seems that dividend hopes are premature and a full year in profit is not a certainty. Costs are rising too fast for that. It has to be seen what margins and profits on small cars will do for the group now that fuel hungry sports cars are no longer high bastions of profit.

Reliant have had no approaches and in the boardroom of the banking parent, the group's affairs must look small. Gamblers may have a long wait, even though Reliant's market value is small.

Interim: 1974  
Capitalization £1.25m  
Sales £10.47m (£3.81m)  
Pre-tax profits £200,000 (£184,000 loss)  
Dividend gross nil (nil)  
For four months to February 28, 1974. Year end closed at that of Standard and Chartered.

# Peter Jay, Economics Editor, examines the NIESR Review

## One small phrase in the social contract —one giant leap for inflation

The Government's counter-inflationary policy, based on the social contract, is now in most serious trouble.

Since accelerating inflation threatens not only our whole postwar prosperity but also the viability of parliamentary government over the next decade, and since there is no politically practicable alternative to voluntary pay restraint as an antidote to inflation, this is not just a political embarrassment for ministers. It is a fundamental crisis, in the true sense of that much abused word, for all of us.

The severity of the trouble is brought out with exemplary clarity by today's quarterly Economic Review of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR). This is a body which has always had the highest expectations of incomes policies and which is not prone to misgivings and criticisms of detail, argued in August that "the social contract must be given an opportunity of at least a full year's wage round to demonstrate its potentialities as a means of averting the present forecast of a very high rate of inflation and the likelihood even of some acceleration into the 20-25 per cent range."

It thus appeared to assume that principal pay settlements this autumn and winter would reflect price increases over the previous year less threshold payments already made.

So far there was little sign "that the social contract is achieving any deceleration of inflation."

It was the NIESR which last May set out the classic and certainly the fullest statement of the theory and arithmetic which lies behind the social contract as a counter-inflationary device. It summed this up as follows: "Given roughly stable import prices from 1974 onwards, and given the past trend in productivity (which the Government will help to maintain by appropriate demand policies), then the rate of inflation will be brought down to 5 per cent in 1976, if the unions are prepared to accept the principle of price compensation, and no more, for two years, apart from a relatively small amount for special cases." (NIESR italics.)

The point, in essence, is that next year's home-generated price rises are today's productivity. If, therefore, today's price increases and if import prices are held steady, then inflation will subside broadly in line with the annual rise in productivity.

### Specific concept

The NIESR's concept of "price compensation" as the principal basis of pay increases was quite specific. One version which it used as a basis for forecasting just how fast inflation might subside assumed that "at the end of Stage Three there would be no further general increases in wages but that a system of universal indexation would be introduced on a percentage basis... whereby for each 1 per cent rise in the consumer price index there would be a corresponding 1 per cent rise in gross monetary earnings from employment."

"The system is operated quarterly and comes into effect in the first quarter of 1975 when average earnings over the period 1974-75 are used as the basis for the rise in prices since the previous quarter. The system is repeated indefinitely."

The NIESR pointed out that this approach "makes no allowance for any further wage rises after the end of Stage Three." It therefore suggested "an alternative version (which) would allow unions to negotiate rises at the appropriate time—of N per cent, say, for a particular union and suspension of the system until prices have caught up."

PERSONAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE					
	Personal disposable income	Consumer price index	Seasonally adjusted		
			Real disposable income	Consumers' expenditure	Savings ratio (1)
	£ million	1970=100	£ million, 1970 prices	£ million	Per cent
1974					
I	12,271	134.0	8,839	8,826	9.3
II	13,826	141.9	9,746	8,793	9.8
III Estimate	14,514	145.6	9,968	8,950	10.2
IV Forecast	15,164	151.1	10,033	9,041	9.9
Year	14,194	143.4	9,896	8,928	9.8
1975					
I	15,630	180.8	9,734	8,912	6.4
II	18,523	189.7	9,737	9,012	7.4
III	17,115	177.7	9,630	8,831	8.3
IV	17,863	185.1	9,649	8,862	8.2
Year	16,783	173.3	9,886	8,804	9.1
Percentage changes					
1974 IV/73 IV	12.7	8.9	3.5	2.5	0.9
1974 IV/73 IV	16.0	16.7	-0.6	0.9	0.9
1975 IV/74 IV	17.8	22.5	-3.8	-2.0	-0.7

Sources: NIESR estimates. (1) Ratio of savings to real personal disposable income.

This version was probably closer to the Government's own notions of how inflation might abate under the social contract, as, for example, assumed for the purposes of the Chancellor's argument in the Co-ordinating Board of New York City in an September 1974 that inflation could be brought down to 10 per cent by the end of next year and into single figures thereafter without mass unemployment if the social contract was fulfilled.

But it also says something else; and it also says something else (as much of a shock to me, I readily confess, as it seems to have been to the NIESR) which, together with other developments, has made the NIESR so gloomy about the social contract, although it did give warning in August that the principle of price compensation "is compatible with widely varying rates of inflation."

"The something else" (also in para 33 of Supplementary Report A) reads: "An alternative approach would be for unions not to look backward to the last settlement but to negotiate arrangements to keep up with the cost of living during the period of their new agreements."

Anyone familiar with the theory of the social contract as a counter-inflationary weapon would have taken that to mean that unions could negotiate threshold or indexing agreements for the future period instead of principal pay settlements.

What is in fact happening—with disastrous consequences—is that unions are seeking principal pay settlements now calculated to cover their estimate of the likely rise in prices over the next 12 months. This, of course, drives a coach and four, not say David Low's cart-horse as well, through the counter-inflationary intent of the social contract.

It can hardly be what the TUC draftsmen intended, nor what the Treasury understood when the TUC's supplementary report was discussed in June. For one thing it can imply an overnight gain of anything up to one year's pay increase. If Stage Three is a compensation for price increases a year in advance, anticipatory compensation means that the real value of the pay packet works gradually down towards the guaranteed level at the end of each settle-

ment period, whereas compensation arrears mean that the real value falls away from the guaranteed level on the first day of the settlement period.

This is highly inflationary the moment that practices change from one basis of compensation to the other.

Secondly it is inflationary because it side-steps the allowance for threshold payments made since the last principal settlement; and in many current cases this makes a difference of the equivalent of 11 threshold payments at 40p a week each, say of 10 per cent.

### Crucial link

Thirdly, it is inflationary indefinitely into the future because it destroys that crucial link between past price increases, present pay increases and future productivity which alone guarantees the disinflationary character of a price compensation formula of the kind developed by the NIESR.

So, the NIESR points out, "20 per cent inflation thus becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy... what is disconcerting is that, if this forecast (for 20-25 per cent rises in both pay and prices) is correct, then looking back from the end of next year it would seem that the social contract has been followed."

The fact that one thinks or even thinks one knows that such policies must probably or even necessarily fail does not absolve the politicians from continuing to try the only option they have. If, then, tactics must be discussed in the context of the strategy of the social contract, some changes seem worth making. The NIESR suggests some, namely that the social contract needs to be authoritatively reinterpreted so that it is not compatible with such widely

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## Business Diary: CAMRA's cup runneth over • Tadcaster tantrums

RA (Real Ale) Investors Limited, one of the more up new issues of the year, the first of its six annual meetings in London yesterday.

Most significant thing to go from the meeting, held in Fleet Street (where the es are friendly), was a vote of seven directors after three-and-a-half hours in order to see off quantities CAMRA-approved Marston's free at the Cheshire se.

CAMRA offer, which was attracted more than 000, half as much again as company said it needed to fund the acquisition and creation of a nucleus of pubs.

tomorrow, said director journalist Terry Pattinson, company reckons to have £170,000. CAMRA, or the paign for Real Ale, has now selected the purchase of two Old Fox, Bristol, and White Gates at Hyde.

Secretary Christopher Hutt, or of The Death of the Fish Pub, is now negotiating the next two of the pre-ary programme.

Yesterday's meeting was sly taken up with legal and ncial detail. CAMRA is to above the going rate to the staff, and has a long-term to acquire a brewer's other likely to fall victims to h duties or some other ural disease—like takeover one of the giant breweries which CAMRA disapproves viterly.

One result of yesterday's meeting will be to remove from CAMRA pubs inn signs bearing a brewer's name. The first to



And not a pint in sight: John Manning's picture of the inaugural board meeting of CAMRA (Real Ale) Investments Limited in London yesterday. Left to right: Kellelt, Hutt, Farrow, Winterton, Massey, Hill and Pattinson.

go will be the sign at the Old Fox on Fox Road, Eastville, Bristol, which bears the Courage legend.

### Bitter protests

A market research exercise by the brewers Courage has had an unexpected side effect. Courage owns the John Smith's brewery at Tadcaster, Yorkshire, and decided to test reactions to John Smith's bitter by trying it in Courage's 400 pubs around Bristol as well as in some free trade outlets.

When the time came to withdraw John Smith's, the regulars at the John Gorum at Lawrence Weston sent in a petition of protest signed by 210 people, although so far to no avail. James Balsdon, the pub's manager, said: "I sold 154 gallons in the four days I had it and that's very good for a

new beer. I could have sold a lot more."

One of the regulars, a Devonian called Francis Johnson, was good enough to explain who and what was Giant Gorum Gorum and his gigantic brother Vincent, dug out the Avon Gorge in alternate six-hour shifts. One day Gorum found Vincent sleeping on the job and in a fury killed him.

According to Johnson, the murdered giant was then canonized, and the murderer, who spent the rest of his days in hiding, well, he had a pub named after him.

Asked how a Devon man should know about such things, Johnson commented that he had been there a long time. He made the—Business Diary—opaque remark that Devon meo crossed the suspension bridge at Bristol and dropped a stone. "If it sinks, they stay in Bristol."

Meanwhile, back in Tadcaster—or Barnsley for that matter—the sad tale of the vanishing pint is being taken as an illustration of the old saw that you can't please all the people all the time. Bitter drinkers in south Yorkshire have taken knives to Courage for electing to close their Barnsley Brewery and to replace Barnsley Bitter with—yes, you guessed it—John Smith's.

### Expanding BP

British Petroleum is busy setting up its BP Oil subsidiary in new headquarters in Victoria Street, London. BP Oil wants to call the new block BP House, which is fair enough, except that the company already has a BP House a few miles away, directly opposite its Britannic

House skyscraper block in Moor Lane.

Plans are to band to give BP House mark one the new name of British Petroleum North and the staff have been warned to prepare for the change—and, presumably, for the months of misdirected mail likely to ensue.

But this confusion would be as nothing compared with the sparks now flying over the size of the new BP Oil empire, created to look after BP's interest in Shell Mex and BP and take full responsibility when the joint selling company with Shell is finally abandoned.

United Kingdom refining activities will be absorbed into this empire and envious eyes are already turning towards BP's pride and joy—its North Sea exploration company. Allegations of empire-building are flying about and the likely constitution of BP Oil is unlikely to be settled without some brisk in-fighting.

### Sweet brew

In case you were wondering whatever happened to all that sugar the wife can never buy, then there was some clue forthcoming from this week's tea symposium in London.

Commodities meo learnt in one of the symposium papers how the Iraqis like their brew, described as "a strong sugar solution with the colour of tea."

Tea, Iraqi style, is made by adding water boiled in a saucepan to the pot, which is then steamed for no less than 10 minutes, the sugar already added.

The Iraqis are said to stuff up to 12 glasses of the stuff a day (say four British cups). But then they can afford the sugar.

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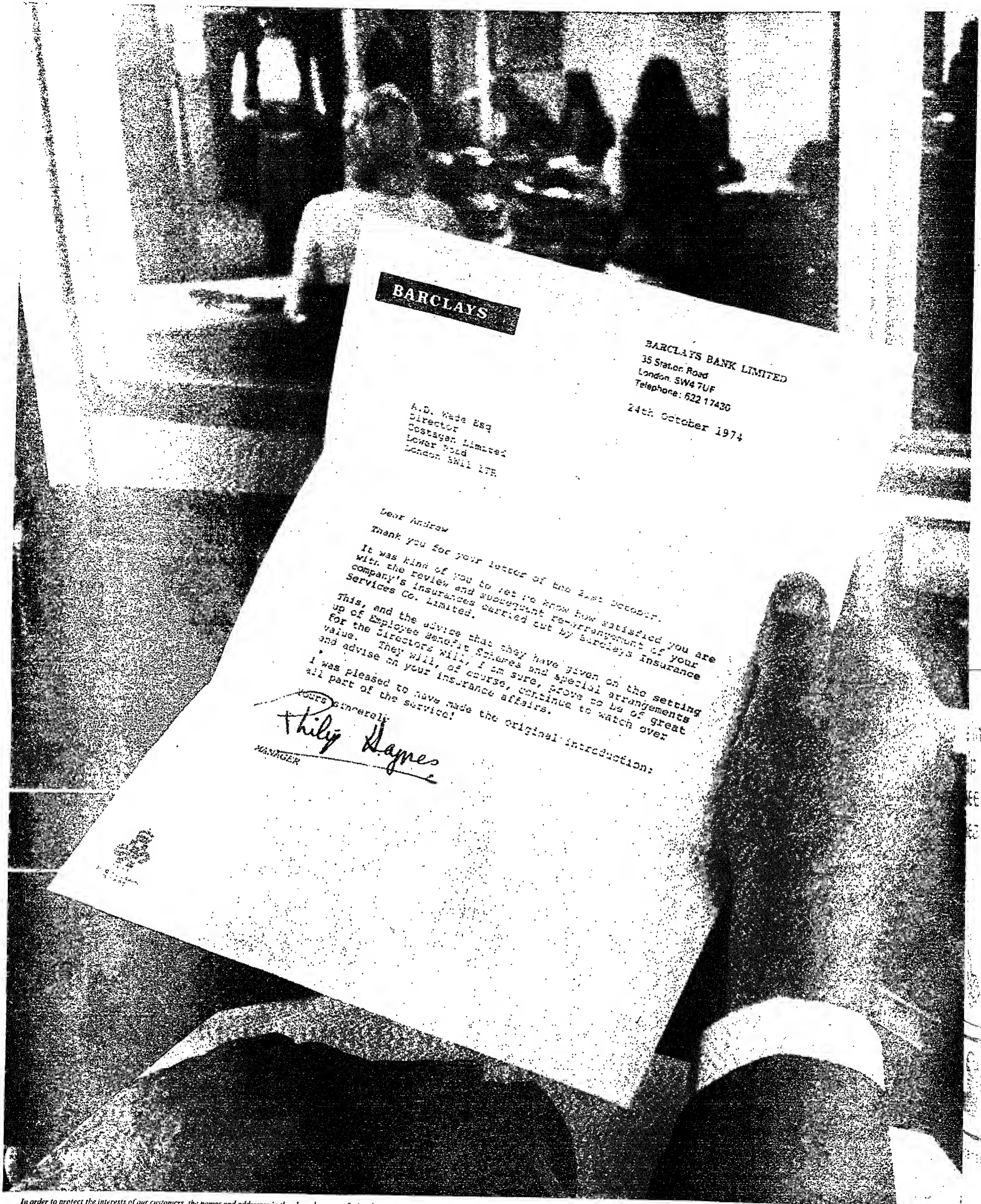
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# Slump in construction weighs on Carlton Industries

By David Mott

A slump on the construction and housebuilding side (which takes in the Comben Group) and a 50 per cent jump in holding company interest charges and overheads made for a 11 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £2.13m for Carlton Industries in the six months to September 30. At this level margins were cut from 10.7 per cent to 6.1 per cent for this subsidiary of London Merchant Securities.

In two of the group's three main divisions—the manufacture of lead acid batteries and fastenings and whisky through the Invergordon Distillers subsidiary—trading profits were up, from £931,000 to £1.26m and from £548,000 to £683,000 respectively.

This trend is expected to continue in the second half but on the construction side, where the figure was more than halved from £2.26m to £1.09m, the final leg is only expected to match the first.

Total turnover was expanded from £29m to £35m; the attributable was cut from £1.26m to £797,000; but the dividend goes up from 1.96p to 2.05p, this giving the same net figure of 1.37p. There is a scrip option.

The extent of the housebuilding slump is shown by the half-year result from Comben, which is 79.8 per cent owned by Carlton.

Here the pre-tax was down from £1.91m to £705,000 and the board reiterates the parent's forecast that the final leg should be comparable providing sales continue at their present level. The dividend is 0.67p (0.64p).

If, as now seems likely, Carlton is unable to match last year's record £5.5m it will be the first time since 1968 that growth has not been achieved. Starting at a low point of £774,000 in 1967 the group reached almost £3m five years later and followed this with a spectacular leap to £5.9m in 1973.

# Interim loss at J Pickles

The interim loss at J. W. Pickles & Son is bigger than was originally expected and it is now the view of Mr. K. Pickles, the chairman, that the group will make a loss for the full year, and not return to profits until the first half of 1975.

Having slumped the group down, he thinks that its new size is more viable for its resources. Sales for the half year are £6.2m, against £5.91m, but a profit of £183,000 was turned out to a loss of £541,000. There is no interim dividend. Last year an interim of 2p gross was paid out to final. Over the whole of last year a loss of £492,000, was returned, against a profit of £420,000.

Detailing the reorganization, Mr Pickles says the factoring division has been closed and his has meant that the warehouse at Ossett is no longer required and can be sold.

# Tecalemit reshaping to aid liquidity, growth

With the twin aims of improving liquidity in the immediate future by a more rational use of resources and providing the potential for improved growth and profitability in the long term, Tecalemit is reorganizing.

The main operating companies are being merged into four divisions: Fluid Transfer and Filtration, Lubrication Systems, Garage and Industrial Servicing Systems, and Combustion Engines. As well as strengthening the short and long-term position of the group, the move should provide the necessary flexibility to meet the worsening economic situation. Resulting staff redundancies will be kept to a minimum by transfer and by early retirement.

From December 1, Mr Nigel Bennett, the chairman, has, as planned, relinquished his joint managing directorship to Mr John Bennett (no relation), now assumes sole responsibility as group managing director.

Earlier this week the group announced a dip in taxable profits from £448,000 to £346,000 for the first half, on sales up from £8.16m to £9.29m.

The results included a loss of £17,000 (against a profit of £105,000) for Dr B. Thyssen, the German subsidiary. This company makes and sells oil and gas burners for heating installations. Its acquisition for £592,000 in July, 1973, was seen as a springboard for European expansion.

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# Whewy Watson looking for best year again after 42 pc mid-term rise

With much of the increase coming from stock profits in the general division, Whewy Watson's interim pre-tax profits by 42 per cent to £322,000, on sales 30 per cent up at £3.39m. With net profits going ahead from £113,000 to £154,000, the dividend is raised from 0.3p to 0.37p, and the board looks to pay a total of 0.89p, against 0.71p.

Overall, the company has record order books at present, and with improved recruitment and production in the chain division, Mr W. Gibson-Biggart, the chairman, is looking for a substantial improvement on last year's record profit of £515,000 subject to the continuity of market supplies.

Since July, the group has been reorganized with the three trading divisions operating as subsidiary companies. The new arrangements are working well and further details will be given in the chairman's statement for the full year.



Mr James Gilchrist, chairman of Harrison's & Crossfield: reduced activity in timber.

# Shoe trade jolt to Phillips

With its Kenilworth component subsidiary making a loss of £20,000 Phillips Patents (Holdings) saw profits crumble from £76,000 to £15,000 in the half to August 31. Turnover expanded from £1.31m to £1.63m.

Mr J. Rowland-Jones, chairman, says Kenilworth saw its main customer, the British shoe industry, "put on its knees" by colossal imports of cheap foreign shoes. This resulted in a production cutback. At the time the company had to pay double the price for raw materials. These circumstances brought about a strike at the company over redundancies.

Baby Deer's profits fell from £36,000 to £15,000 (they have fallen to £7p Ltd) and the profit of £19,400 was only slightly ahead. Here, too, there is now a "distinct improvement".

# Harrisons & Crossfield level-pegging

Profits of Harrisons and Crossfield, the international trading house, so far this year are about in line with a year ago, Mr James Gilchrist, chairman, said at the annual meeting yesterday.

The group, which is changing its year-end to December 31 from June 30, is continuing to be extremely busy on most activities other than timber, where the market is generally quieter at present. Harrisons earned a pre-tax £19.57m in the year 1973-74.

# Control Securities

Control Securities incurred a pre-tax loss in the year to March 31 last and is not paying a dividend. The loss of £23,000 was arrived at after interest written off from a change in accounting policy of £76,000, and a share of an associated company's loss of £15,700. Tax takes £5,300 making the net deficit for the year £28,000. For the previous year taxable profits rose by 52 per cent to £100,000.

# Wallis (Costumiers)

Though growth slowed appreciably for Wallis & Co (Costumiers) in the preceding full year (profits edged up 6 per cent to £505,000), the opening six months to July 17 show an appreciable upturn. On turnover up from £2.23m to £2.69m, pre-tax profit climbed 30 per cent to £129,000, while a full-time bonus payment is also predicted. The interim dividend is 1.49p against 1.13p.

# Scotcos confident

Reporting a 10 per cent interim profit of £27,000 pre-tax Scotcos, the Glasgow-based food and engineering group, considers the range and basic nature of its services gives fair protection against any short-term decline in demand.

The board expects the final result to exceed last year's £521,000. Meanwhile, the dividend is declared at 0.89p (0.78p).

# Triplex Foundries' tax

Mr R. Harrison, chairman of Triplex Foundries, says in his full interim report that the order position throughout the group, apart from one or two minor clients, is still extremely good.

The board does not expect to see any dramatic fall before the end of the financial year.

# Viners' record year for exports

Viners, the Sheffield-based cutlery and silversmiths, achieved a record 10 per cent increase in export sales during 1974. Mr Len Capper, the export administration manager, says much of the success is due to the group policy of giving priority to export markets whenever possible. This has meant buyers in many markets to place more repeat orders. Distribution arrangements in many markets have been improved, and in France a company has been purchased to help improve distribution there.

# JA Devenish record

At half time, the board of J. A. Devenish, the Dorset-based brewers, expects that the full year's profits would depend on summer holiday trade in the South West of England. In the event there was little growth in the second half before tax, but the year's total came out at a profit of £315,000, against £274,000. The net down from £511,000 to £472,000.

Turnover rose from £7.2m to £8.5m, and the dividend from 6.03p to 6.73p. Earnings a share are down from 53.9p to 50p.

# Barclays, Düsseldorf

Barclays Bank International is opening a third branch in West Germany today. The branch will be a business development office located in Düsseldorf to service the needs of corporate customers in the North Rhine and Westphalia regions. It will supplement existing branches in Hamburg and Frankfurt.

# Kulim Group

Because of current uncertainties, relating to the Malaysian Government's measures to restrict rubber production, plus

# Stock markets Further losses in gold shares

Turnover on the stock market remained low yesterday, but both equities and gilts edged recorded minor gains on the back of some small technical demand. Gold shares opened with another round of losses, but stabilised later in spite of lower bullion prices.

The FT 100 ended 1.2 up to 164.4, and The Times index edged forward by 0.68 to 65.02. Recorded bargains on the London trading floor totalled 4,702 against 4,791 on Tuesday.

Further demand for investment dollars sent the premium to \$94, a rise on the day of nearly 84. Among those shares on which the investment dollar is payable by United Kingdom investors, Philips Lamp continued to rise and closed last night at 62 1/2. Rumours of Arab buying of British gilts in the lead and similar tales were told of shares in Royal Dutch—helping to lift Shell to 140p. BP advanced to 22 1/2 after press comment on the trading news.

But ICI (120p), Bechem (116p), Unilever (161p) and Comstock (33p) made little move from their overnight level. Motor shares looked unhappy after Ford's disclosure of labour lay offs. RAC returned to the all time low point of 6p, and Lucas Industries eased to 53p. GKN, heavily involved in the motor industry, eased to 105p.

The plans to cut defence spending upset some industrial shares at first. But by the end of the day, Vickers was unchanged at 80p, but Yarrow remained depressed at 106p, a net 4p off.

Other dull features included Powell Duffry, down to 60p at one time although the price (446p) remained around the level of the latest bid from Gold Fields of South Africa.

The banking sector looked firm, with the bear closers continuing to help National Westminster (98p) and Barclays (118p). Midland Bank, picked out in an investment circular as the "best buy" on the pitch, added 4p to 126p. Trading 5 1/2 was from Mifcor's Credit were no worse than feared, and the shares displayed little response at 17p.

The property sector, too, found a few bear closers. British Land edged forward to 3p, and others to improve were Samuel Property at 25p and Samuel Properties—helped by the trading statement—at 16p.

Gold shares were active, but erratic. After opening with fresh and severe falls, share prices in some cases headed on bear closing by those who wanted to avoid losses made on Tuesday night. At the close, President Brand (£22), Western Deep (£19) and Free State (£17) showed losses, while FS Gold at £23 had moved up. Shares in Union Corporation (£174) showed losses, while the level of the latest bid from Gold Fields of South Africa.

# Equity turnover on December 3 was £1.8m (11,302 bargains).

Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Cons Goldfields, Union Corporation, National Westminster, ICI, Unilever, Bats, Courtauld, GKN, Shell, Distillers.

Gilts had their quietest day for some weeks. Prices looked like drifting down marginally for most of the session, but there was some late demand which was sufficient to add up to 1 point in most sections of the market. Dealers said that most of this was bear-closing rather than fresh buying.

# Latest dividends

Company	Ord Div	Year ago	Year's total	Prev year's total
Alpine Soft Drinks (10p) Int	2.58	2.57	27/1	100c
Bechem (120p) Int	2.5	2.5	31/1	100c
Carlton Ind (25p) Int	2.05	1.96	28/1	—
Coalite & Chem (10p) Int	0.43	0.35	17/2	—
Comben Group (10p) Int	0.57	0.54	21/1	—
Control Securities (10p) Int	Nil	1.31	Nil	1.31
Deritend Stamping (50p) Int	4.1	3.75	—	10.27
J. A. Devenish (25p) Fin	4.88	4.25	23/1	6.73
Glenn Murray Inv (25p) Fin	1.22	1.0	6/2	2.00
Howe Secur Inv	4c	—	—	3c
Kulim Group (10p) Int	0.74	0.71	31/1	1.83
Merc Credit (25p) Fin	Nil	2.72	—	1.68
J. W. Pickles (10p) Int	2.0	2.0	—	2.0
Whewy Watson (5p) Int	0.37	0.3	1/1	0.80

Forecast: c. 2c a share.

# End of the line or Havana

The palmy days of the nineteenth century when British capital was opening up the New World are recalled in an announcement on behalf of the mixed Railways of the Havana Regla Warehouses.

The joint liquidators have received the final instalment of £25,000 from the National Bank of Cuba. Application has now to be made to Court to make a final distribution to stockholders. This event, which is expected to be made next April, will bring to a close the long history of the company, which was first registered in 1836.

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# Outstanding growth rate of Canada

Toronto, Dec 4.—Mr Allen Lambert, chief executive of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, told the bank's annual meeting that although Canada's economic performance "has ranked among the best in the industrialized world" it must now be realized that growth will be slower in the year ahead. Indeed it might be minimal in the period from mid-1974 to mid-1975.

Barring any further serious international economic deterioration Canada's economic output is expected to grow by 3 1/2 to 4 per cent in volume terms in 1975. Although this would be somewhat lower than the 4 per cent-plus rate of real growth this year, it would stand out as one of the better performances among industrialized nations for the year, Mr Lambert thought.

On the bank itself Mr Allan Boyle, vice-president and chief general manager, said that 1975 would be another good year. In the last period to October 31 net earnings rose from \$35.7m to \$48.1m, or from \$2.12 to \$2.85 a share.

Growth, he explained, came from both the domestic and international divisions

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- 38% of earnings derived from overseas including new German subsidiary.
- U.K. profits reduced mainly by cut-back in activity during period of 3-day working week.
- Aircraft Products Division and the marketing units improved their results.
- Substantial expansion of facilities is being undertaken at Peterlee in Co. Durham.
- Board are confident that providing that there is not too much further disruption of economic development, particularly in U.K., growth in earnings per share in the remainder of the decade will be comparable with the growth in the 5 years to 1972.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS (£'000)	1974	1973
External Sales	7370	5913
Trading Profit and Income	1048	894
Profit before tax and Extraordinary Items	579	582
Attributable earnings	315	362
Earnings per share (4,324,091 shares in issue)	7.30p	8.37p

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# Business appointments

## Planning director named for Tube Investments

Mr Brian Ashworth is joining Tube Investments as director of corporate planning. Mr John Speers has been appointed director of the TI operations in Scotland and Mr R. H. Williams director of overseas development and co-ordination.

Mr A. R. Brown, Mr P. L. Waite and Mr C. D. Watson have joined the board of Andrew Helliwell.

Mr J. J. Kay has been appointed deputy chairman of the Latchford Organisation.

Mr Michael Conolly is to become assistant regional general manager for France with the International Westerns Bank.

Mr Derek Glover, one of the first members of the British Airways board, is to give up his post on the board on December 31. He will also relinquish his post as group financial director and will be appointed special duties director. He will continue as chairman of the airways pension scheme and of International Aeradio.

Mr Cyril Herring is to be appointed finance director from January 1. Mr C. Roger Moss becomes deputy finance director. Captain Jack Jessop, managing director of British Airways-Northeast, will become acting chief executive of the regional division.

The following have been appointed to the board of David & Charles: Mr Jack Angell (production), Mr Dejan Bower (editorial), Mr Colin MacLellan (sales), Mr Richard Webb (publicity) and Miss Emma Wood (editorial).

Mr Martin Clements joins the board of Reading Windings. Mr Michael Healey has been appointed a director of Hill Samuel Development Finance.

Mr D. R. Mitchell has joined the board of Tronoh Mines. Mr G. F. S. MacPherson has

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retired as chairman of Merchants Trust and is succeeded by Mr M. W. Jacob.

Mr A. Scott Durward has been named as director of the development of the Leicester Building Society.

Mr P. L. Bate has joined Patrick Morgan Associates as managing director, and the name of the company has been changed to Bate Morgan & Devor. The board will comprise Mr S. A. Mewcock (chairman), Mr Bate, Mr J. P. C. Morgan and Mr A. White.

Mr F. A. Davison, Mr J. G. Dorey, Mr E. E. Gibson and Mr S. P. Leahman have become directors of Common Brothers (Management).

Sir John Eden reestablishes his association with The Tinsken Company by becoming an adviser to the management of British Tinsken. Sir John was formerly a director of British Tinsken.

Mr G. A. Solomon and Mr J. Campbell join the board of Procor (UK).

Mr Victor Calo has been made managing director of Auston-Hall Building Systems.

Mr J. C. Murphy is to take over as managing director of Kenmar Construction, because of the retirement of Mr D. P. McLaughlin at the end of the month.

Mr Derek Chaburn has been made joint managing director of W. E. Beers BV of Tilburg, Holland.

Mr Eugene Gomeche, Mr Michael Preston and Mr Julian Walter have been made executive directors of Bonnamster Corporate Services.

Mr R. G. Lund has been chosen by the New Zealand government to serve on the board of Air New Zealand, Auckland.

# Deritend Stamping

Having passed the £1m mark for the first time last year at £1,035,000, the profits of Deritend Stamping have moved ahead by 51 per cent to £740,000 in the first six months. Trading subsidiaries are working to capacity and have full order books. The board is confident that the full year will show an improvement in last year's record figures.

The interim jump in profits has been achieved on sales up from £5m to £6.1m. On net profits, up from £214,500 to £355,000, the dividend is being increased from 3.75p to 4.10p, while earnings a share come out at 14.5p, against 8.7p.

# BRASCAN

Net income for nine months to September 30, \$99.5m (\$95.5m) or \$3.17 (\$3.29) a share. Quarterly dividend again 25c, payable January 31.

# ENALON PLASTICS

Proposed final dividend of 4.4p made known on November 13 is reduced to 3.6p following Treasury decision.

# OSBORNE KIMPEER

Osborne Group and its associates are now interested in 386,000 ordinary shares of Kimpeer (21.48)

# WAY HOLDINGS

Loss of group before tax in year to March 31 was £2,000 (against profit of £10,000). Credit tax of £4,400 (charge of £5,300). No dividend (same).

# JAMES GRANT (EAST)

Loss for nine months £10,000 (up £18,000). Profit on sale of properties, £27,000 (£202,000). Group is now trading profitably. Interim held at 1 1/2p.

# INTERIM STATEMENTS

Report for the Half Year Ended 30th September, 1974

The unaudited results of the group for the six months ended 30th September, 1974 are as follows:

	Half Year ended 30th September 1974	Half Year ended 30th September 1973	Year to 31st March 1974
Turnover	21,978	14,034	30,627
Trading profit of the group (after deduction £1,472,805 (£1,261,565))	3,672	988	3,176
Add interest receivable	93	—	5
Deduct interest payable on bank overdraft	3,765	988	3,141
Profit of the group before taxation	3,765	790	2,844
Estimated taxation	1,956	407	1,491
Profit of the group after taxation	1,779	383	1,353

The results for the half-year are satisfactory, particularly when compared with the disappointing figures for the extremely difficult corresponding period last year.

The improvement stems largely from more realistic prices for oils and chemicals coupled with the ready demand for all our products both for home markets and export.

Substantial expansion in the field of herbicide intermediates is proposed, to maintain our position as the major U.K. supplier.

# CHAD VALLEY ASSURANCE

The board of Chad Valley, well known for its toys and a subsidiary of J. H. Vavasour, say the group continues to operate profitably in 1974, as it has done for a considerable number of years. In 1973 it earned an operating profit of £302,000 and net funds attributable to shareholders were £1.13m.

# RAYBECK PURCHASE

Raybeck has paid £865,000 cash for Robert Michaels, many-faceted producer of suits and separates which supplies retail companies and mail order houses.

The purchase has been made from Messrs E. Lee and R. S. Michaels, their families and minority shareholders. At June 30, 1974, net assets were £367,000 and for the current period a pre-tax profit of over £350,000 is forecast.

# BG SECURITIES

The Bank of England has agreed that ordinary shareholders of BG Securities, subject to an offer from W & A Investment Corporation, who live in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Jersey, and whose shares qualify for transfer on completion of a sale under the bank's consent, may treat the cash consideration as 100 per cent investment currency.

# DIVIDEND

An increased interim dividend has been declared at the rate of 0.290 pence per share payable on 7th February, 1975, to shareholders registered on 3rd January, 1975.

# BREMNER & COMPANY LIMITED

## General Warehousemen

### STATEMENT FOR HALF YEAR TO 31st JULY 1974

The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 0.9 pence per share (1973 0.875 pence per share) which is equivalent to a gross dividend of 5.37% (1973-5%). This dividend will be paid on 28 January 1975 to shareholders on the Register at 20th December 1974. The increase in the Interim Dividend shows the disparity between the Interim Dividend and the Final Dividend to be reduced, but it does not necessarily imply that there will be an increase in the total Dividend for the year.

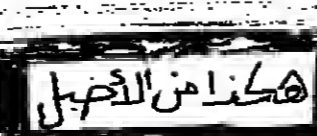
The results for the half year to 31st July 1974, based on unaudited Accounts are:

	1974	1973
Profit before Taxation	£242,008	£231,972
Deduct: Taxation	121,800	95,000
Net Profit after Taxation	£120,208	£136,972
Transfer to Taxation Equalisation Reserve	Nil	19,000
£120,208	£117,972	
Less: Interim Dividend (Payable)	49,680	48,300
Retained Profit	£70,528	£69,672

The tax charged for the current half year is calculated at 52% (1973 average 48%). The provision shown is the total estimated tax liability of the Company. Advance Corporation Tax already paid during the period is £20,700 (1973 £17,070). No adjustment has been made to take account of any change in taxation which may result from the proposals of the Chancellor of the Exchequer contained in his Budget Speech of 12th November 1974 relating to stock-valuation relief.

The Directors consider the results for the first six months to be satisfactory.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Foreign Exchange

Dollar and gold both fall

The dollar's exchange rate and the price of gold both declined to Europe yesterday, with dealers in both markets reporting brisk turnover.

Spot Position of Sterling

The pound fell to 197.50 on the London market yesterday, from 198.00 on Tuesday afternoon.

Forward Levels

The Bank of England "mopped up" for the third day running yesterday to absorb a large surplus caused primarily by the excess of Government disbursements over Exchequer receipts.

Discount market

The bank's action, estimated at between £30m and £100m, took the form of direct sales of Treasury bills to discount houses.

Money Market Rates

Table of money market rates including Treasury bills, bank base rates, and overnight rates.

Bank Base Rates

Table of bank base rates for various banks including Barclays, FNCS, and others.

Fresh setback in NY silver prices

New York Dec 4.—COMEX SILVER futures were unable to sustain any rally from lower levels.

Commodities

Daily sugar price cut by £20 to £480

The London daily SUGAR price was reduced £20 on tone to £480 per long ton yesterday.

Terminal remained unchanged at Tuesday afternoon's limit-down level and by the end of the session 471 lots were offered in the pools.

The terminal was featured by state interventionist sugar, with the terminal closing at 4.00p per long ton.

Tea faces increasing competition

Tea is meeting accelerating competition from other beverages, mainly coffee and soft drinks.

Wall Street

New York Dec 4.—Wall Street prices were mostly steady after a record sharp rally. At noon the Dow Jones Industrial average

Canadian Prices

Table of Canadian prices for various commodities like wheat, oil, and metals.

Argentina/Chile in a \$7m maize deal

The Argentine Grain Board said it has sold Chile 44,000 tonnes of hard maize at \$161 a tonne for prompt shipment.

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 111.29 on December 3 against 110.41 a week earlier.

The Times Share Indices

Table of share indices including the Times 100 and other market indicators.

Recent Issues

Table of recent issues including company names, amounts, and dates.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds with columns for name, bid, offer, and other details.

Issues & Loans

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## Coping with the problem of living down a dole queue image

One of the most significant developments in the somewhat controversial field of recruitment agencies, was the setting up earlier this year of the government Manpower Services Commission. Comprising among others, representatives of the CBI and TUC, it took over responsibility for job filling from the Department of Employment. To do so it presents for the first time a genuine challenge to the private sector specialists, who have come in for criticism, particularly from trade unionists (although one suspects much of the distrust arises from the activities of an unscrupulous minority of bureaux).

The Commission and its "operational arm" the Employment Service Agency, was given no easy task; apart from the fact that many of the private agencies enjoy a high reputation among employers, it had to overcome the dole-queue image of the labour exchange as representing the end of the line, a shameful place which stripped a working man of his pride.

To counteract this it was decided to replace the exchanges with bright new jobcentres, which are springing up in high streets throughout the country at such a pace that by the end of the decade the old type exchange will have gone for ever.

Many people, who would never have dreamt of going to the labour exchange are being drawn to the jobcentres and the plan is that in time the centres will cap-

sure the lion's share of the market. An ambitious project, given the quality of the opposition, and there are many who argue that a Government-run service could never completely replace the highly specialised private agency.

The Employment Services Agency was set up in October (the Commission's other "arm", the Training Services Agency was formed in April to offer training facilities to individuals and companies lacking their own training schemes).

The ESA has direct responsibility for the whole range of the market up to office manager level. At this point Professional and Executive Recruitment (PER) takes over.

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One of Britain's newest agencies is that of Cripps, Sears & Associates, of Knightsbridge. It was formed in September of last year by two young men who were colleagues in another consultancy before deciding to branch out on their own account. They began with 15 clients (since doubled) representing commerce, industry and related fields.

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This disparity between supply and demand, however, is no new phenomenon although I must confess that when I was younger the age position was reversed. That was my utherside ideal background and personality should be rendered totally irrelevant by some faulty timing on my part or a justly earned promotion which I have had to live. I still recall, with some distaste, that at the tender age of 24 I had my first brush with this apparently irremediable phenomenon.

Having recently graduated, I used to read avidly the better dailies, seeking clues as to which worthy cause I might offer my unquestioned ability. Imagine my delight when, in this manner, I came upon a notice indicating that one of the industrial giants—Amalgamated Food Producers Ltd if I remember correctly—was requiring no less a personage than a new marketing director. The terms were really quite snobbish: salary, though a trifle niggardly at £10,000 plus, would be adequate assuming that the plus took care of my day to day living expenses, the location was certainly ideal.

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The Peugeot 504 saloon is now available with a diesel engine.

In effect supplementary headlights are wired in conjunction with the headlamp circuit and are therefore extinguished on dipped beam. They are intended to give long range whereas the fog lamp, which is usually mounted in pairs low down on the car, is designed to produce a wide, flat beam...

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These advantages have to be weighed against the diesel drawbacks, notably the noise and vibration of the engine and its modest performance. A diesel car, too, costs more to buy than its petrol-engine counterpart. It is not surprising that diesel cars have been mainly favoured by commuters, who are less interested in performance...

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Road test: Peugeot 504 Diesel

The Peugeot 504 is the latest saloon car to be offered on the British market in a diesel version. The others—no British manufacturer yet produces a diesel car—are the much more expensive Mercedes 240 and the slightly less costly Peugeot 404. The advantage of diesel is, of course, fuel economy, but another has been created by the recent Budget: petrol duty shot up, diesel stayed at the same price and diesel is now 9p a gallon cheaper than a four-star petrol.

After all, engine apart, the car has most of the qualities that make the Peugeot 504 one of the best two-litre saloons on the market.

The Peugeot 504 is a well-balanced car with a live rear axle instead of the all-independent suspension of the petrol cars, the superb ride and sure handling are little affected. The 504 takes four to five people, has an excellent boot and yet is not too big for parking in tight spaces. If the 504 Diesel is slow, it is also very comfortable and if petrol does go to 75p a gallon by Christmas it could have an increasing appeal outside the traditional taxi market.

A diesel engine requires less maintenance than a petrol unit, with a

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Thames

10.35-11.00 am, Yoga. 11.00-11.30, News. 11.30, Captain Cook's Travels. 12.30, Paint along with Nancy. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, General Hospital. 2.30, The Saint. 3.00, About Britain. 4.00, Time Tunnel. 5.20, News. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.40, Crossroads. 7.05, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30, This Week. Cyprus under the shadow of Makarios. 9.00, Father Brown. 10.00, News. 10.30, Drive-In. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.15, People and Politics, with Willy Brandt. 12.15, Feikh in e Changio World.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, News. 2.30, Marcus Welby, MD. 3.55, Thames. 4.25, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 5.20, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoons. 7.05, Baaabek. 8.30, Thames. 10.00, Booby. 11.30, Angling. 12.00-12.15, am, What the Papers Say.

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DOWN... 2 Ella sporting ambition to be good for nothing (7)? 3 Old man Flanagan's valet looks into complaints (3). 4 Damage includes the French quarter of New York (6).

ACROSS... 1 Look into big cuts in wet weather wear (8). 2 With hands thus kept warm, missed the catch (6). 3 The bend of the road (6). 4 Supplier of fuel advertises its effectiveness (3-5). 5 It appears that this is a hat unworn (8). 6 A chore perhaps for a saint farmer (6). 7 Creditor has some current problem for a writer (5). 8 Time for loto-eatog, apparently (9). 9 Sweet sleeper on a bank at Belmont (8). 10 Like the egg of a duck eaten by a Latin poet (5). 11 Description of Hardy's crowd, 11, just putting it in (6). 12 Poor wayfarers tend to get all bothered here (4-4). 13 Sign representing dog that is being worried by a sheep (6). 14 How's disposition (6). 15 Dame may say this dish is brought in (6). 16 South African race includes girl 12 for instance (8).

SOLUTION OF PUZZLE NO 13,859... 5 Four-thirty being one of these current indicators? (5, 2, 3, 5). 6 Mr French is the principal trouble-maker (8). 7 US pioneer express-man helps the academician, Jumble (7). 8 Made up record on eagle having died (9). 9 Both we bear is from an army establishment over a river (9). 10 Terrible fellow raised gun, or was it Henry? (9). 11 Pay through the mouth? (8). 12 Not even meant, we hear, as a casual thing (7). 13 Comes those who doctors to hospital? (7). 14 Sound advice to architect of such a heavenly body (6).

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